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Hiya, I'm Yuki!
I'm Kyotaro.
Yuki's Universal Tacos Plan!
And welcome to the new corner!
Kyotaro's pet Capybara has been eating them from the beginning.
If your diet mainly consists of tacos, space tacos will fill you up even faster!!
Are you some kind of weirdo? I don't get it.
HEY!
Capybara
The world's largest rodent. An herbivore.

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Tutorial and Glossary for Japanese Mahjong

To help you follow Saki's mahjong, we have put together this page to explain how Japanese mahjong works and as a handy reference.

Basic Rules

In Japanese mahjong, there are 4 players. Each player keeps a hand of 13 tiles. When a player has their turn, that player draws a new tile. If those 14 tiles complete all the conditions for victory, that player wins the round. If not, that player has to discard a tile. Any of the other three players then has the opportunity to call "ron" and take that discarded tile if it would complete one of their own conditions for victory.

Tiles

Tiles are either of a particular suit, or are honor tiles. There are three suits: man, sou, and pin. Tiles in each suit are numbered from 1 to 9. Honor tiles consist of the 3 dragon tiles and the 4 wind tiles. Numbers 1 and 9 in each suit are called terminal tiles. Together honor tiles and terminal tiles are called end tiles.

3 Suits: Man, Sou, Pin

Honor Tiles

Dragon Tiles: chun (red), haku (white), hatsu (green)

Wind Tiles: east wind, south wind, west wind, north wind

How to Win

To win a round, a player must have a complete hand and at least 1 yaku. There are three types of complete hands:

1. A hand of 1 toitsu and 4 chi or kan or pon.
2. A hand of 7 toitsu.
3. Kokushi musou

Mahjong Glossary

General:

Dead wall - Several tiles that are set aside at the start of the round and not normally drawn from.
Dealer round - An extra round that does not count toward the total number of rounds in the game, and which takes place after a dealer wins a round.
Dora - A designated tile which counts as 1 han
Fu - A scoring unit that is less than han and more than basic points. Also refers to any rule used to calculate fu.
Han-chan - A game consisting of 8 rounds (barring extra dealer rounds) where each player deals 2 rounds
Horse - An optional rule where extra points are given to the winners of the round, usually the first and second place.
Menzen - Fully closed hand, never having called "ron" and revealed any of one's tiles
Reverse dora - An extra bonus tile that is flipped over when a player who declared "riichi" wins the round.
Ron - To pick up a discard. "Ron" can be called when another player discards the tile a player needs to win. That tile is then used to complete a chi, kan, or pon, which is then set aside. The closed portion of the player's hand becomes smaller (it's not menzen anymore.) In addition, points are transferred from the player who discarded to the player who called "ron."
Tenpai - The state of needing only 1 more tile to complete a hand. Tenpai is necessary to call "riichi," so it would typically be spoken in that context. "[Some yaku] tenpai" refers to when only 1 more tile is required to obtain that yaku
Tsumo - "Tsumo" is called when a player draws the tile they need to win, but is not sufficient to win without additional yaku. "Menzen chin tsumohou," a yaku, is frequently declared as "tsumo."
Tsumikomi - A frowned-upon strategy where a player gathers advantageous tiles into their wall before the round begins, and therefore gets the tiles they want more quickly
Wait - The state of needing one more tile to win after declaring "riichi." There are different types of waits, depending on how many different tiles could complete the hand and how each affects the hand's value.
Wall - The undrawn tiles. Each player typically draws only from a specific part of the wall, referred to as that player's wall, unless forced to draw from another player's wall because no more of theirs remains
Yaku - Special conditions necessary to win.

Score-related:

Baiman - An 8 to 10 han hand
Han - A score multiplier. The more han, the more your score increases exponentially. Some yaku are worth more han if they are menzen.
Haneman - A 6 to 7 han hand.
Kazoe-yakuman - A 13 han or more hand. Scored the same as yakuman
Mangan - A 70 fu 3 han or more, 40 fu 4 han or more, or 5 han hand
Sanbaiman - An 11 to 12 han hand.
Yakuman - Hands that are so difficult to get that they are worth the maximum possible point value.

Tile melds:

Chi - 3 consecutive numbers, same suit. Example: 2 pin, 3 pin, 4 pin
Kan - 4 of the same tile. Example: haku, haku, haku, haku. When a player completes a kan, they must draw an additional tile from the dead wall to maintain the ability to make 4 sets
Pon - 3 of the same tile. Example: 7 sou, 7 sou, 7 sou
Toitsu - 2 of the same tile. Example: east wind, east wind.

Yaku / Yakuman:

A full list of yaku can be found at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Japanese_Mahjong_yaku#List_of_yaku

Chin itsu *- All tiles are in the same suit and none are honor tiles*
Double ruchi *- A "ruchi" that is declared on the player's first turn, before anyone has declared a chi or kan or pon.*
Hon itsu *- All tiles are in the same suit or are honor tiles*
Ippatsu *- Winning within one turn of declaring "ruchu."*
Kokushi musou *- A hand that consists of all end tiles, and one more end tile. A yakuman hand.*
Menzen chin *- References a closed hand in the context of some other yaku. Example. Menzen chin hon itsu consists of a closed hand and hon itsu.*
Ruchi *- The player chooses to sacrifice 1000 points to declare they only need 1 tile to win ("tenpai"). After "ruchi" is declared, the player's hand cannot change until that tile is drawn ("tsumo") or called ("ron").*
Rinshan kaihou *- When a player declares a kan and therefore has to draw an extra tile, and that tile completes the player's hand.*
Sanshoku *- Three sequences of the same numbers in all three suits Example: 6 man, 7 man, 8 man, 6 sou, 7 sou, 8 sou, 6 pin, 7 pin, 8 pin.*
Suuankou *- A hand that consists of only pon and kan and 1 toitsu, where none of the pon or kan were completed with "ron" A yakuman hand.*
Tanpin *- No end tiles, and must be a double-sided wait*
Tanyao *- A hand that uses no end tiles*

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This is a high school girl's life at the beginning of summer.

Chapter 1: Meeting
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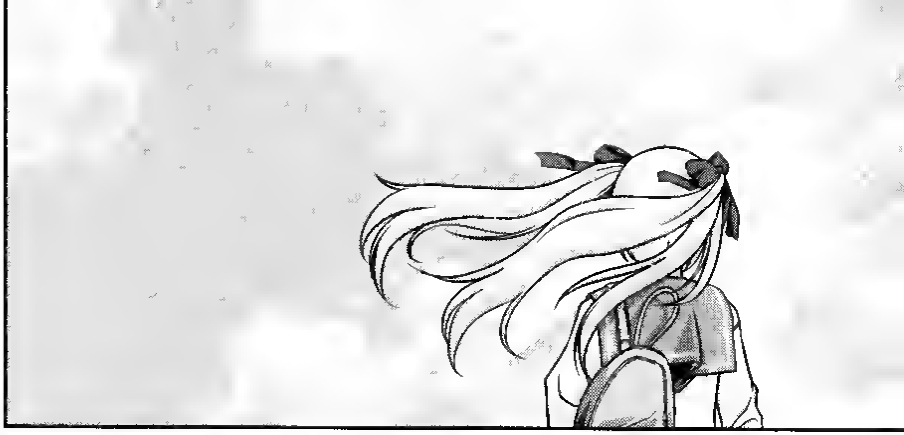
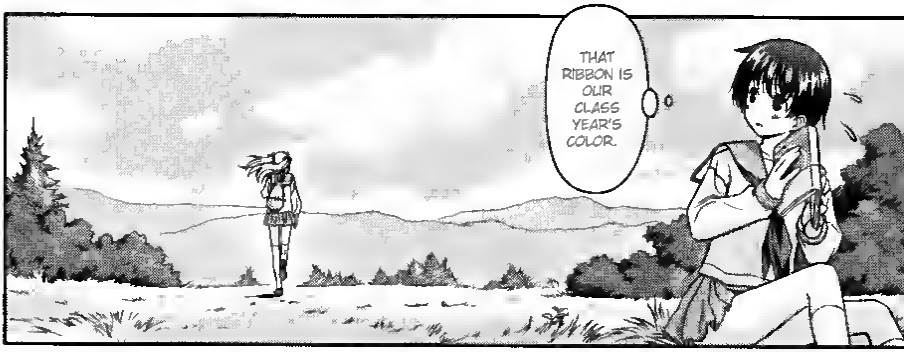
WHAT A PRETTY GIRL...!

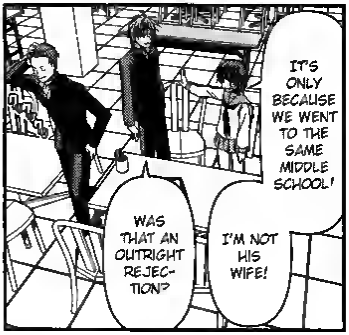



THAT RIBBON IS OUR CLASS YEAR'S COLOR.

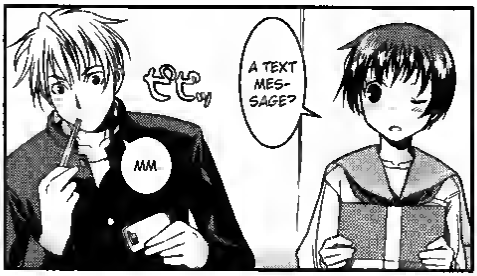
SAKIHI!
IT'S THE SAME AS A FIRST YEAR STUDENT'S
Miyanaga Saki
High School Student, First Year

YO,
LET'S GO GET A SCHOOL LUNCH.
KYO-CHAN.
MY BOOK IS DUE TODAY, SO I CAN'T READ IT IF I GO WITH YOU...
CAN'T YOU READ WHILE HAVING LUNCH?
THE LUNCH ON TODAY'S GIRLS' MENU LOOKS EXTREMELY DELICIOUS,
SO I REALLY WANT TO TRY IT.
Suga Kyotaro
High School Student, First Year
Saki's Classmate
HUHHHH?
THAT'S THE ONLY REASON YOU'RE ASKING ME TO LUNCH,
ISN'T IT?

HERE!


IT'S ONLY BECAUSE WE WENT TO THE SAME MIDDLE SCHOOL!
I'M NOT HIS WIFE!
WAS THAT AN OUTRIGHT REJECTION?

SAK!-CHAN IS A GREAT WIFE, ISN'T SHE?
WHOA!
IT'S THE GIRLS' LUNCH


A TEXT MESSAGE?
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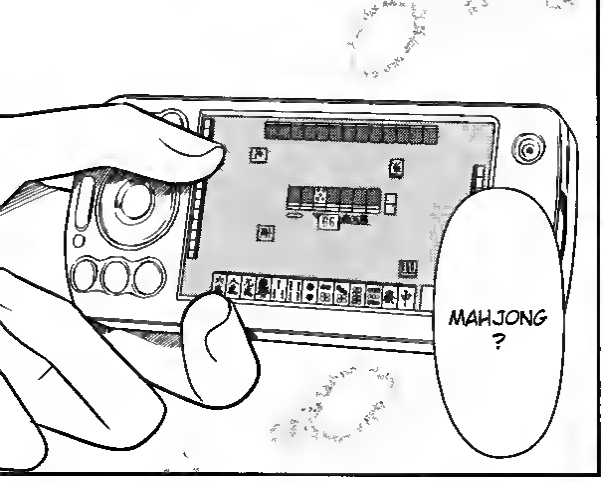

MAHJONG ?

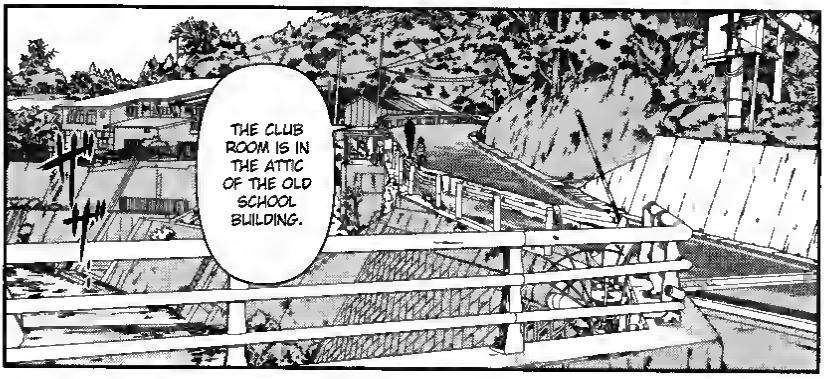
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MAHJONG?
I— HATE MAHJONG

I JUST STARTED, SO I DON'T KNOW THAT MUCH.
KYO-CHAN, YOU PLAY MAHJONG?

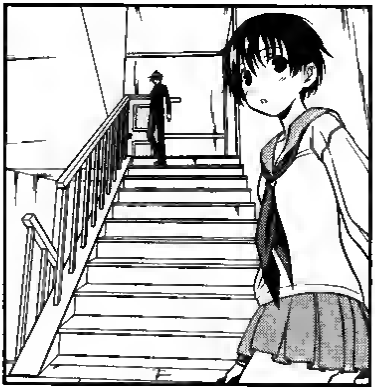
SURE, I CAN PLAY IT, BUT I HATE IT
I ALWAYS END UP GETTING MY NEW YEAR'S MONEY TAKEN IN THE FAMILY'S MAHJONG GAMES.
OH?

EH?
SAKI,
YOU KNOW HOW TO PLAY IT, DON'T YOU?

SO, THERE'S SOMETHING STOPPING SAKI FROM PLAYING
BUT IT'D BE PREFERABLE IF THERE WASN'T
YEAH
WHAT ARE YOU PLOTTING ON YOUR OWN?
HMHM.
I have a bad feeling about this.
EVEN IF THAT'S THE CASE, WE STILL NEED ONE MORE PERSON.
WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH PLAYERS.
HUH...?
THE MAHJONG CLUB.


THE CLUB ROOM IS IN THE ATTIC OF THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING.

WELCOME, PRINCESS.



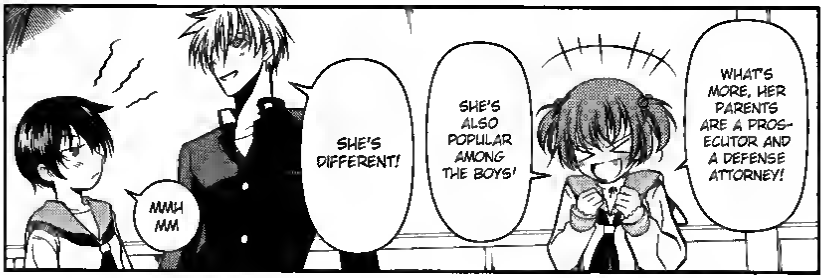
I BROUGHT A SUCKER!
I SAID I HATE MAHJONG...
NO, I...
What's with the princess?

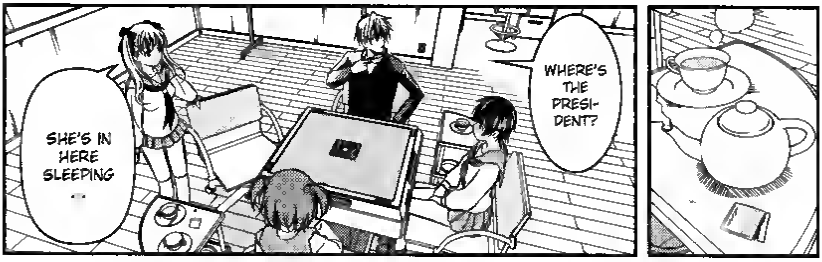
MAHJONG CLUB

!
A GUEST ...?
SHE'S THAT GIRL FROM BEFORE ...
HUH?
DO YOU TWO KNOW EACH OTHER?
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO WAS READING A BOOK
BY THE BRIDGE EARLIER.
AH.
YOU SAW ME?
かぁっ
Haramura Nodoka
High School Student
First Year
Mahjong Club Member

NODOKA WAS LAST YEAR'S NATIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL CHAMPION-SHIP WINNER
IS THAT GOOD?
IT'S AWE-SOME!
TADAAA!
ビクッ
.....
I BOUGHT TACOS FOR LUNCH!
TACOS AGAIN?
I'LL MAKE TEA
Kataoka Yuki
High School Student,
First Year,
Mahjong Club Member

NODO-CHAN IS REALLY AMAZING!
SHE BREEZED RIGHT THROUGH THE INTERMEDIATE DIVISION SHE REALLY WAS THE STRONGEST MIDDLE SCHOOLER!
AH.

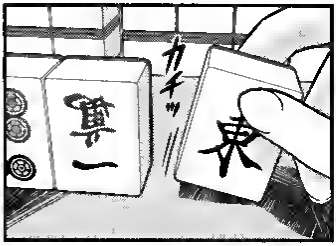

WHAT'S MORE, HER PARENTS ARE A PROSECUTOR AND A DEFENSE ATTORNEY!
SHE'S ALSO POPULAR AMONG THE BOYS!
SHE'S DIFFERENT!
MMM MM.


WHERE'S THE PRESIDENT?
SHE'S IN HERE SLEEPING ...

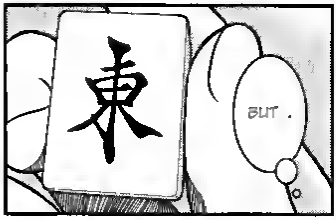
ALL RIGHT...

WELL, SHALL WE START WITHOUT HER?
HUH?

First Han-chan Game
25000 POINTS TO BEGIN WITH AND 30000 TO BREAK EVEN. NO HORSE
OKAY
TACOS ARE DELI-CIOUS
ムシャムシャ
YEAH


カチッ
東

HIGH
WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH THIS?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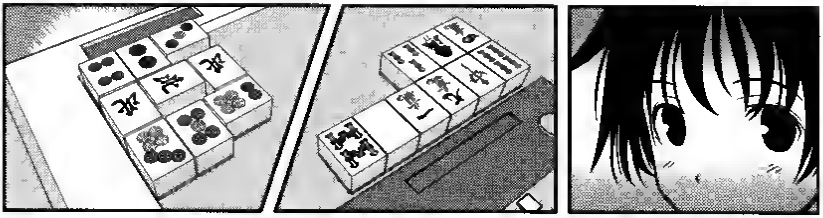
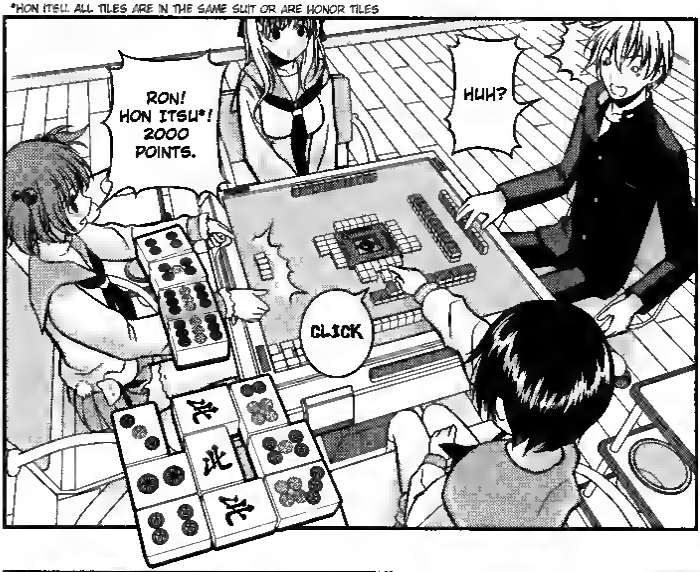
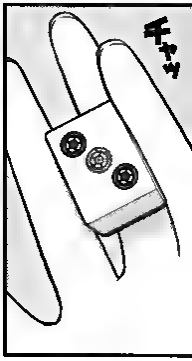
BUT .

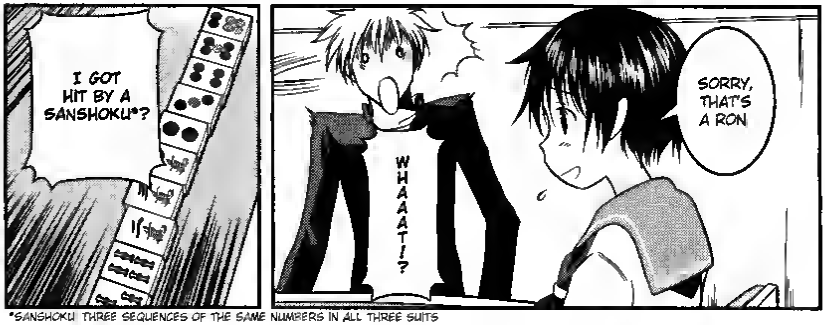
CLICK
I'LL START WITH THIS
EVERYONE EXCEPT MY FAMILY WOULD USE THIS



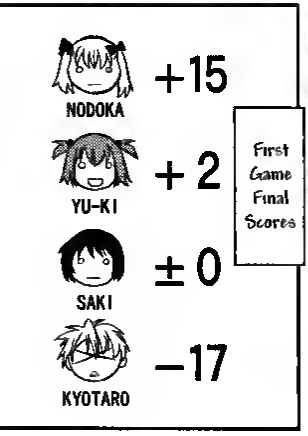
*HON ITSU. ALL TILES ARE IN THE SAME SUIT OR ARE HONOR TILES







*SANSHOKU: THREE SEQUENCES OF THE SAME NUMBERS IN ALL THREE SUITS



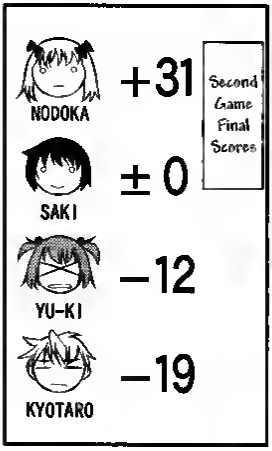
CLICK
NODOKA'S ATTACK JUST WON'T STOP

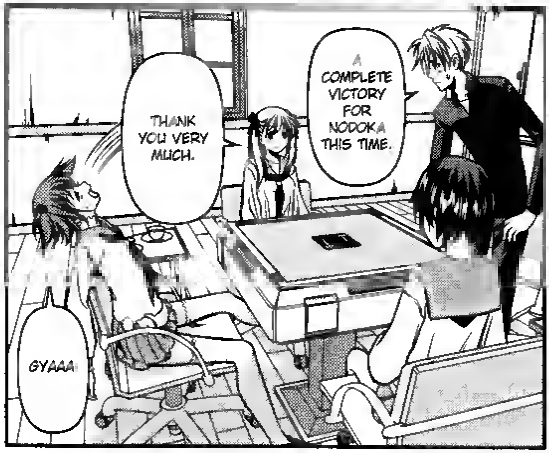
TSUMO

.....
Second Han-chan Game

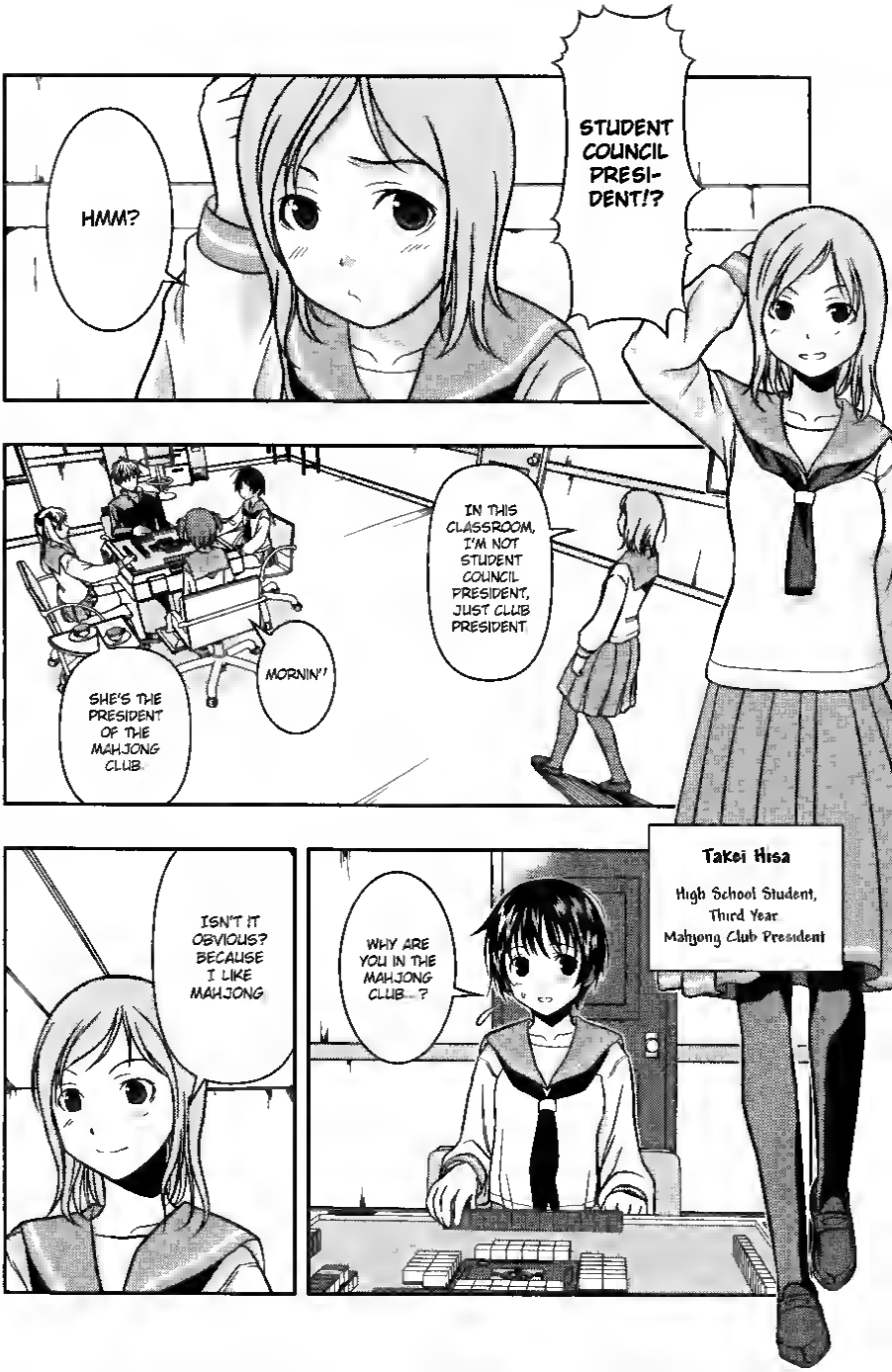
I ALSO HAVE A TSUMO.
AH...

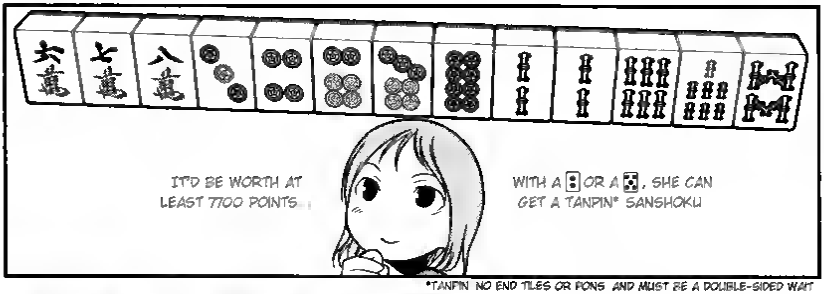
RON


NODOKA
+31
SAKI
±0
YU-KI
−12
KYOTARO
−19
Second Game Final Scores

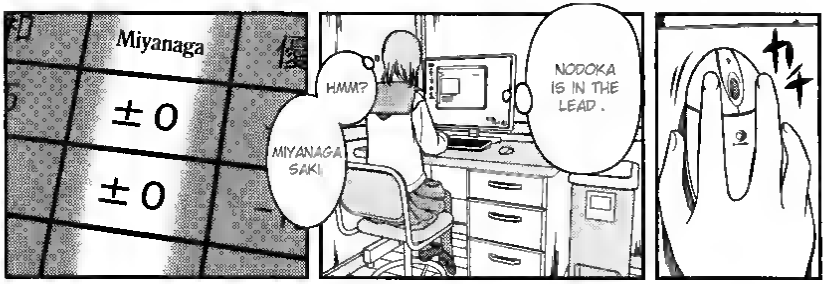

A COMPLETE VICTORY FOR NODOKA THIS TIME.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
GYAAA!

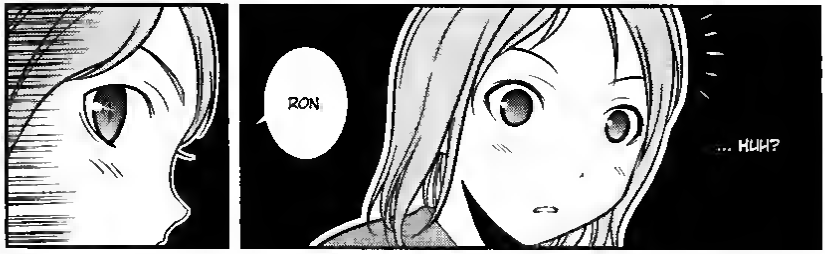
THUNDER!
ゴロゴロゴロ
.....
BUT SHE SEEMS TO KNOW HOW TO ADD UP A HAND'S VALUE.
SAKI'S MAHJONG GAME DOESN'T SEEM TO BE UP TO PAR
Third Han-chan Game
!
NO WAY! I DIDN'T BRING MY UMBRELLA!
IT'S AN EVENING SHOWER.
WHO'S THAT?
MMM


HMM?
STUDENT COUNCIL PRESI-DENT!?
IN THIS CLASSROOM, I'M NOT STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT, JUST CLUB PRESIDENT.
MORNIN'
SHE'S THE PRESIDENT OF THE MAHJONG CLUB.
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS? BECAUSE I LIKE MAHJONG.
WHY ARE YOU IN THE MAHJONG CLUB...?
Takei Hisa
High School Student, Third Year
Mahjong Club President



*TANPIN NO END TILES OR PONS AND MUST BE A DOUBLE-SIDED WAIT





A T-THOUSAND POINTS...!?
1000 POINTS.
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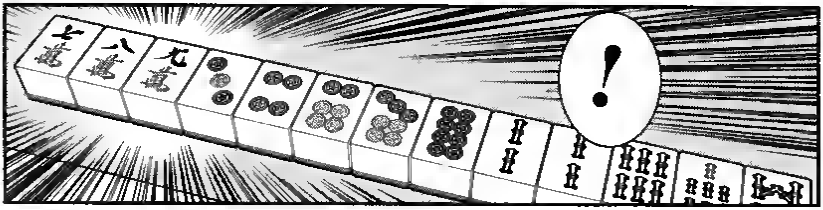
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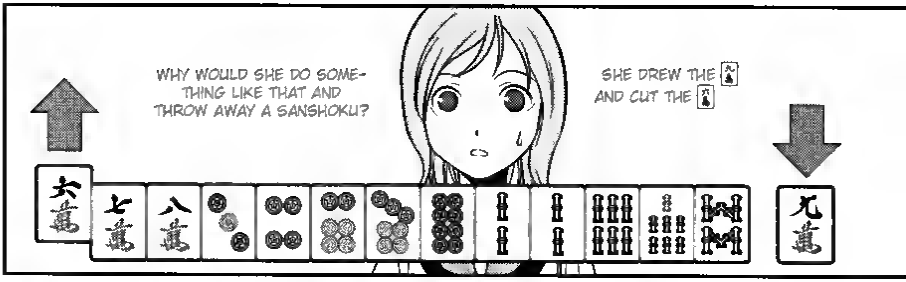
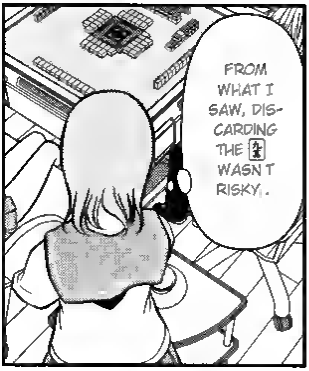
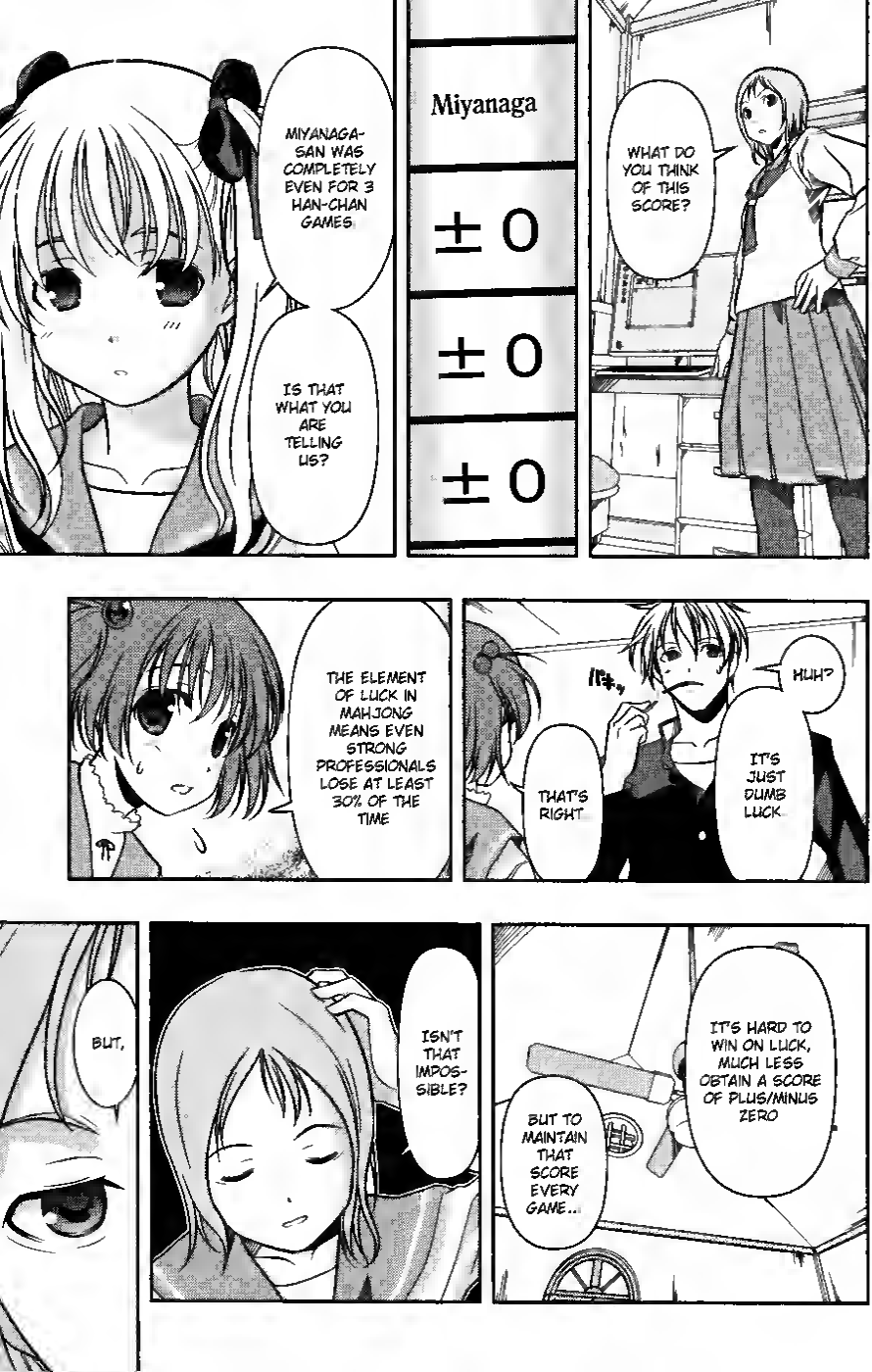

WHY WOULD SHE DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT AND THROW AWAY A SANSHOKU?
SHE DREW THE 八索 AND CUT THE 六索

I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW THIS GIRL PLAYS.
I DON'T GET IT


FROM WHAT I SAW, DISCARDING THE 五索 WASN'T RISKY.

WHAT'S MIYANAGA'S SCORE THIS TIME?
NODO-CHAN IS IN THE LEAD THIS TIME, TOO, RIGHT?
WELL, THAT ENDS THE THIRD GAME.
!!
COMPLETELY EVEN.
COMPLETELY EVEN FOR 3 GAMES!?

THAT'S ENOUGH FOR ME, EVERYONE.
I HAVE TO GET GOING.
HUH? HEY,
YOU'RE LEAVING ALREADY?
……
I HAVE TO TAKE THIS BOOK TO THE LIBRARY.
バタン
JUST AS I THOUGHT, NODO-CHAN IS PRETTY STRONG.
I KNEW SHE'D HAVE A COMPLETE VICTORY.
ポリポリ
A COMPLETE VICTORY?
ARE YOU REALLY THAT NAIVE?
クク
HUH?
……


MIYANAGA-SAN WAS COMPLETELY EVEN FOR 3 HAN-CHAN GAMES.
IS THAT WHAT YOU ARE TELLING US?
Miyanaga
±0
±0
±0
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS SCORE?
THE ELEMENT OF LUCK IN MAHJONG MEANS EVEN STRONG PROFESSIONALS LOSE AT LEAST 30% OF THE TIME
HUH?
IT'S JUST DUMB LUCK
THAT'S RIGHT
BUT,
ISN'T THAT IMPOS-SIBLE?
BUT TO MAINTAIN THAT SCORE EVERY GAME...
IT'S HARD TO WIN ON LUCK, MUCH LESS OBTAIN A SCORE OF PLUS/MINUS ZERO

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ガバッ
WHAT IF IT WAS OVER-WHELMING SKILL?

NODO-CHAN!
MEANIE! WHY DID YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING ABOUT? DON'T YOU FEEL BAD?
HUH?
SHE COULD PROBABLY AIM FOR THE NATIONALS
IF THAT GIRL ENTERED THE CLUB, I WONDER...
THAT'S NOT IT.

オ…
MIYANAGA-SAN!
!

YOU BROKE EVEN THREE TIMES.
WAS THAT ON PURPOSE ...?
... I ALWAYS TEND TO
PLAY THE GAME THAT WAY.
WHA...?

BECAUSE OF PLAYING MAHJONG WITH MY FAMILY
WHY DO YOU... PLAY THAT WAY...?
I REMEMBER NOT WANTING TO LOSE MY NEW YEAR'S MONEY,
AND IF I WON, EVERYONE WOULD GET ANGRY, SO I REMEMBERED TO NEVER LET MYSELF WIN.
Saki Ajo
ONE MORE TIME...
WON'T YOU PLEASE PLAY ONE MORE GAME...?
.....

I'M SORRY.
I JUST
DON'T LIKE MAHJONG.

Chapter 2: Rematch

The rain let up in the middle of the night...
GAME END.
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のどっち
カチ
IT'S REALLY DIFFI-CULT

ゴクッ
TO BREAK EVEN IN EVERY MATCH..
ガラッ

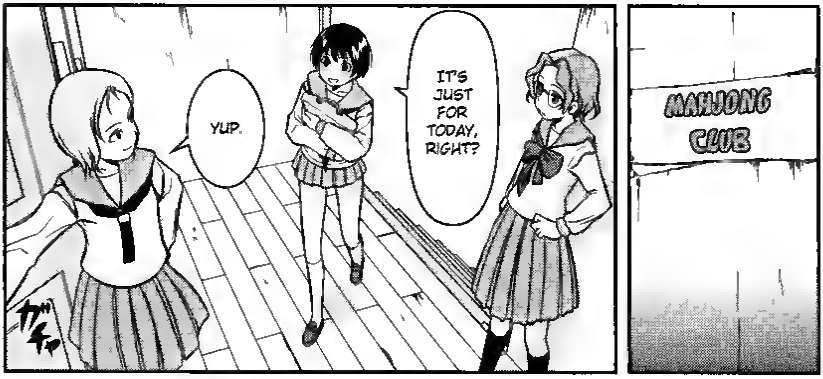
IS THAT EVEN HUMANLY POSSIBLE...!?

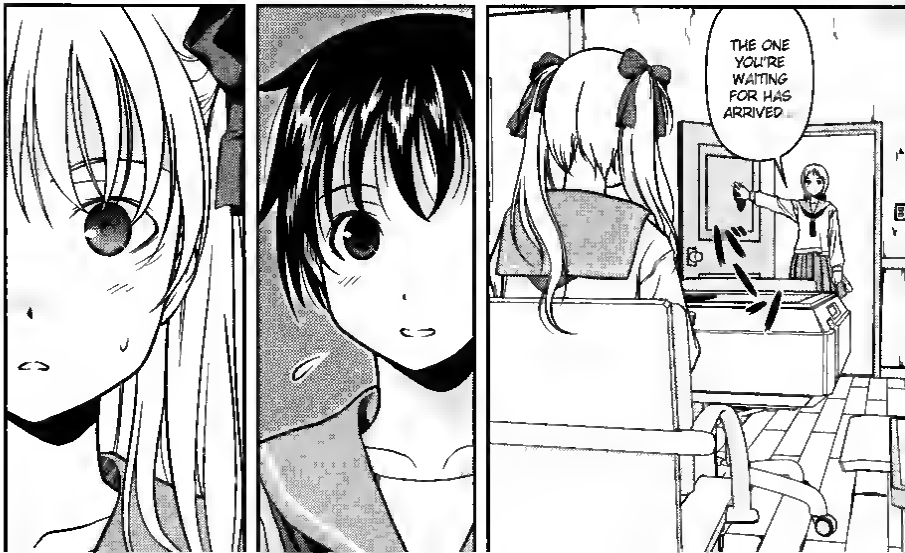
GOOD MORNING, PRESIDENT.
YEAH, MORN-ING.
GOOD MORN-ING.

MAKO
Morning.
OH?
STILL AS POPULAR AS EVER, I SEE
THERE'S A FIRST YEAR STUDENT WHO CAN BREAK EVEN EVERY GAME, ISN'T THERE?
YEAH.
I'M GUESSING NODOKA WASN'T AMUSED?
EVEN THOUGH SHE DIDN'T LOSE, HER PRIDE TOOK QUITE A BEATING
ABOUT WHAT?
I HEARD ABOUT IT.
Someya Mako
High School Student, Second Year
Mahjong Club Member
ドヤッ

LIBRARY
ガヤガヤ
IT'S ALREADY BEEN BORROWED.
IS THAT SO ?
WHAT'S ALREADY BEEN BORROWED?
WHICH BOOK?
PRESIDENT!
HEY.
WANT TO BORROW THEM?
I'VE GOT THE ENTIRE SET.
IS THAT REALLY OK?
DON'T SPY ON OTHER PEOPLE
IN EXCHANGE,

PLEASE DO ONE THING FOR ME.
HUH?
Again...?


IT'S JUST FOR TODAY, RIGHT?
YUP.
MAHJONG CLUB


THE ONE YOU'RE WAITING FOR HAS ARRIVED.

SAKI.

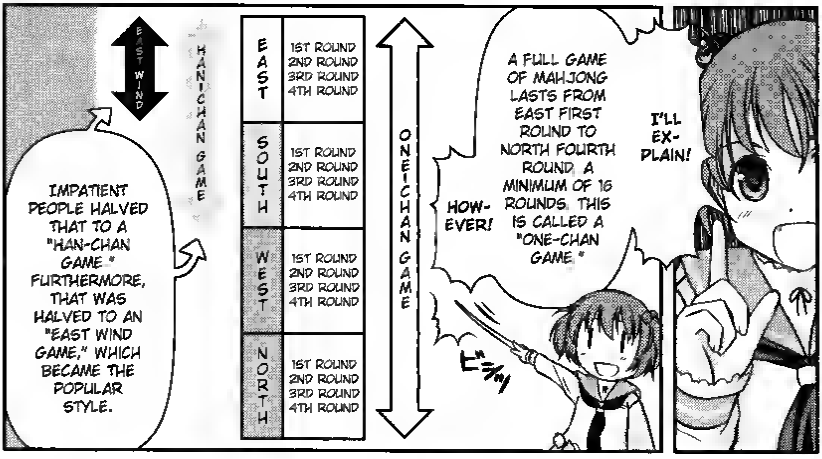
AH, YES.
SUGA-KUN, GO GET YUKI

YUKI, WE'VE GATHERED ENOUGH PLAYERS.
OK.
I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.

THIS IS THE GIRL WHO YOU SAID ALWAYS BREAKS EVEN?
ER.
Huh...?
YOU JUST NOTICED?

It's Saki-chaaaan.
YUKI
MAKO
NODOKA
MIYANAGA-SAN.
HOWEVER, LET'S MAKE IT AN EAST WIND GAME AND ADD 4 RED TILES.
PRESIDENT, YOU'RE NOT GONNA PLAY?
YOU 4 WILL BE PLAYING 2 MATCHES.
YEAH, RIGHT.
IF I PLAYED, WOULDN'T EVERYONE LOSE FOR SURE?
ER...
SURE

YOU'RE A MAHJONG CLUB MEMBER AND YOU DON'T KNOW?
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?


I'LL EXPLAIN!
A FULL GAME OF MAHJONG LASTS FROM EAST FIRST ROUND TO NORTH FOURTH ROUND. A MINIMUM OF 16 ROUNDS. THIS IS CALLED A "ONE-CHAN GAME."
HOWEVER!
ONE-CHAN GAME
EAST
1ST ROUND
2ND ROUND
3RD ROUND
4TH ROUND
SOUTH
1ST ROUND
2ND ROUND
3RD ROUND
4TH ROUND
WEST
1ST ROUND
2ND ROUND
3RD ROUND
4TH ROUND
NORTH
1ST ROUND
2ND ROUND
3RD ROUND
4TH ROUND
EAST WIND
HAN-CHAN GAME
IMPATIENT PEOPLE HALVED THAT TO A "HAN-CHAN GAME." FURTHERMORE, THAT WAS HALVED TO AN "EAST WIND GAME," WHICH BECAME THE POPULAR STYLE.

NOW,
THESE RED ONES.
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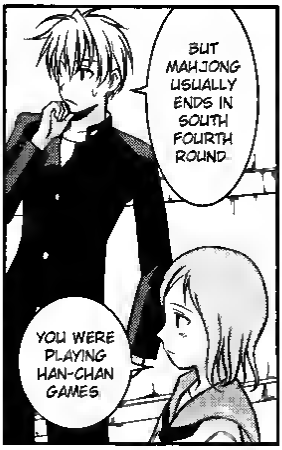
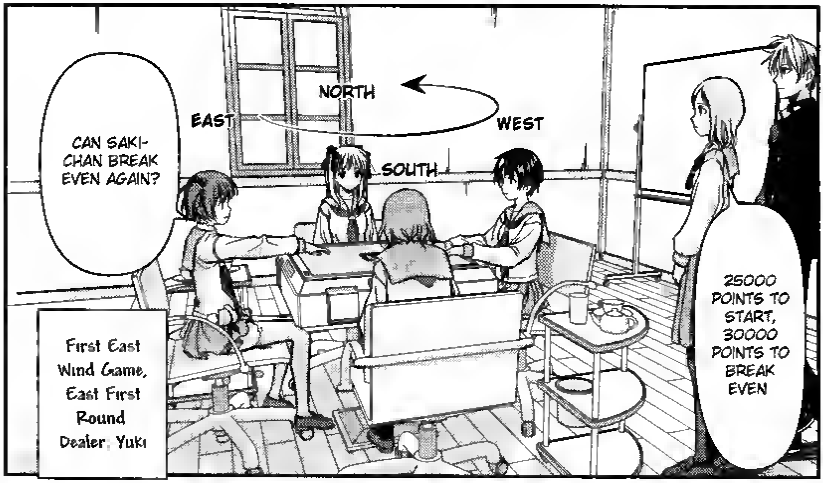

BUT MAHJONG USUALLY ENDS IN SOUTH FOURTH ROUND.
YOU WERE PLAYING HAN-CHAN GAMES.

*DORA: A DESIGNATED TILE WHICH COUNTS AS ONE HAN, INCREASING THE VALUE OF A HAND



SHE DOESN'T WANT TO SHOW ME.
GENERALLY, IT WOULDN'T EVEN BE POSSIBLE TO BREAK EVEN EVERY TIME.
THAT WAS FAST
DEALER
RIICHI!
IT'S ONLY BEEN 2 TURNS...
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO READ HER HAND.
カッ
I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...
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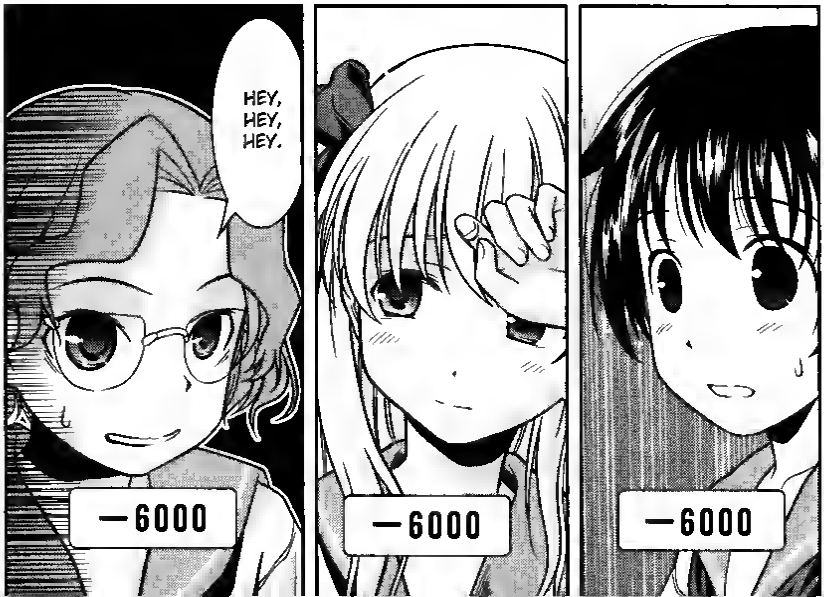
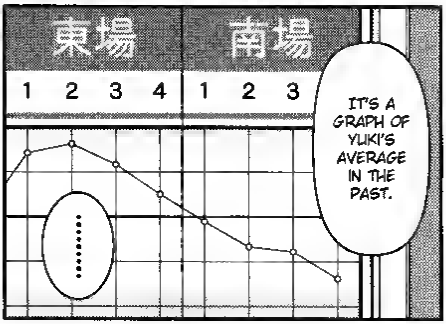
BOOOM!
RIICHI. IPPATSU, TOO. TSUMO. 3 DORA, 18000 POINTS!!
+18000


HEY, HEY, HEY.
−6000
−6000
−6000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1 2 3 4
1 2 3
IT'S A GRAPH OF YUKI'S AVERAGE IN THE PAST.
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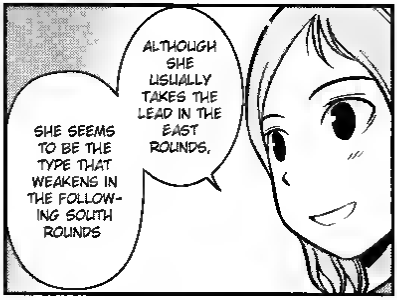
LOOK AT THIS.
HUH?

I CAN'T MAINTAIN MY CONCEN-TRATION.
EVEN THOUGH I'M A GENIUS.


ALTHOUGH SHE USUALLY TAKES THE LEAD IN THE EAST ROUNDS,
SHE SEEMS TO BE THE TYPE THAT WEAKENS IN THE FOLLOW-ING SOUTH ROUNDS

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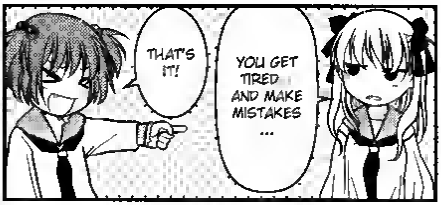
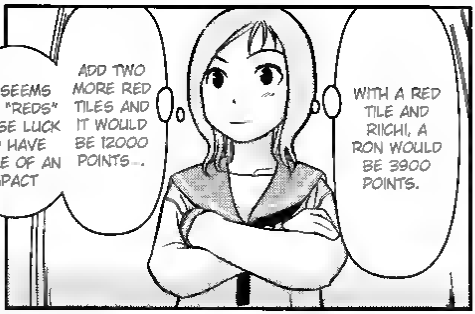

THAT'S IT!
YOU GET TIRED AND MAKE MISTAKES …

ALSO, TODAY'S GAME IS HALF THE LENGTH OF YESTERDAY'S FULL GAME IT WOULD BE VERY HARD TO CONTROL THE SCORE OVER SUCH A SHORT TIMEFRAME
IT SEEMS THE "REDS" CAUSE LUCK TO HAVE MORE OF AN IMPACT


ADD TWO MORE RED TILES AND IT WOULD BE 12000 POINTS…
WITH A RED TILE AND RIICHI, A RON WOULD BE 3900 POINTS.

East First Round One Consecutive Win
RON. 8300 POINTS
HUH!?
SOMEYA -SENPAI JUST DEALT!
パラッ
−8300
+8300
IT WAS A CALCULATED STRIKE.
IT FEELS LIKE YUKI IS IN A RUSH TO WIN
……
East Second Round
WHAT?
THERE!
1000 POINTS.
−1000
+1000
カチ
East Third Round Dealer: Saki
IT SEEMS LIKE THE REDS HELPED HER OUT THIS TIME

YES.
WAITING FOR THIS?
+11600
TANPIN 2 DORA, 11600 POINTS
OUCH
-11600
THE ZERO CHILD HAS TO LOSE 1000 POINTS TO HIT HER TARGET.
YU-KI 35700
SAKI 30600
NODOKA 27300
MAKO 6400
Rounding up and down...
THE RANGE OF POINTS TO BREAK EVEN IS ONLY FROM 29600 POINTS TO 30500 POINTS.
I'M NOT GOING TO GO EASY ON YOU.

East Third Round One Consecutive Win
TSUMO.
GREAT TIMING
LET'S SEE WHAT THE ZERO CHILD CAN DO .
ラジャラ
MENZEN CHIN HON ITSU * TSUMO 1 DORA 3000/6000 POINTS AND ONE CONSECUTIVE WIN
*MENZEN CHIN HON ITSU: NO CALLING OF TILES. ALL TILES OF THE SAME SUIT, MIXED WITH HONORS. 3 HAN
Last Round East Fourth Round Dealer Nodoka
24500
24200
32600
18700

HOW'S THIS!?
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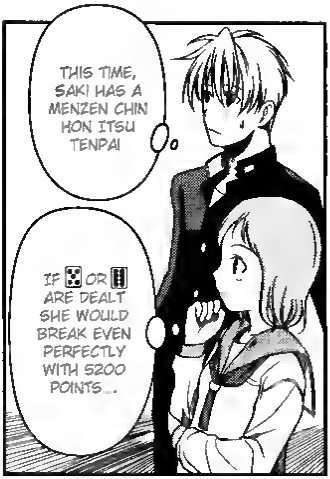
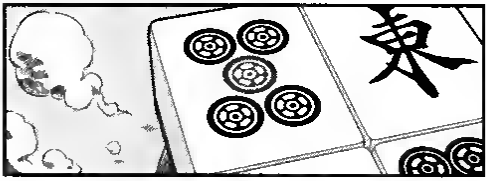

THIS TIME, SAKI HAS A MENZEN CHIN HON ITSU TENPAI
IF 🀙 OR 🀘 ARE DEALT SHE WOULD BREAK EVEN PERFECTLY WITH 5200 POINTS...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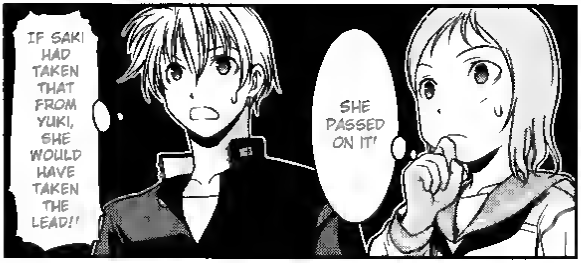
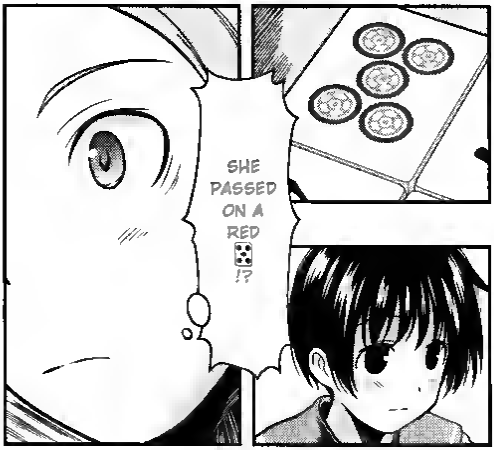

IF SAKI HAD TAKEN THAT FROM YUKI, SHE WOULD HAVE TAKEN THE LEAD!!
SHE PASSED ON IT!


SHE PASSED ON A RED 🀙 !?

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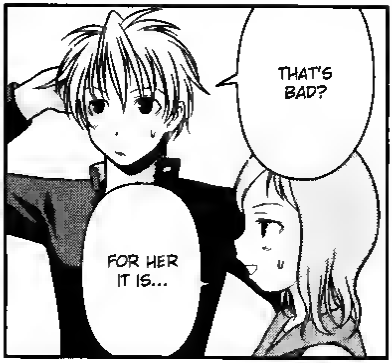
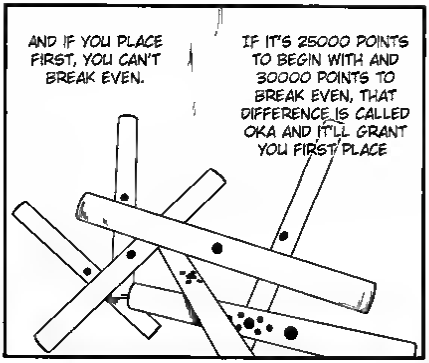
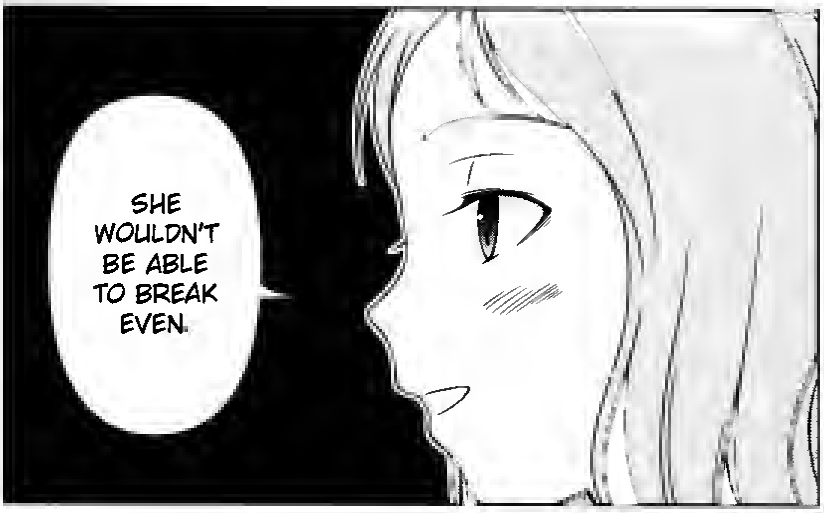
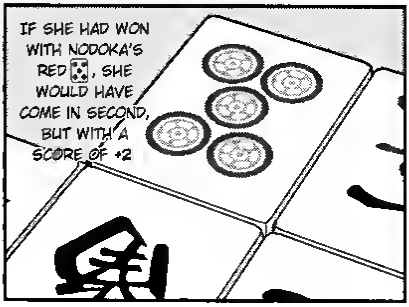
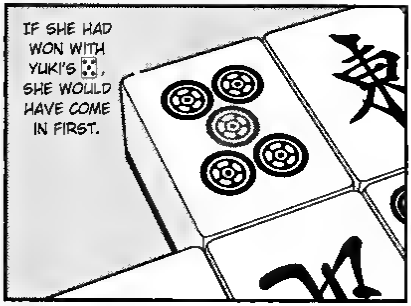
THIS GIRL...
DOESN'T SHE CARE ABOUT WINNING AT ALL!?
OKA?
IN THESE RULES, WHEN THERE'S NO HORSE, OKA IS IN PLAY.
WHY DOESN'T SAKI JUST WIN?


THAT'S BAD?
FOR HER IT IS...


AND IF YOU PLACE FIRST, YOU CAN'T BREAK EVEN.
IF IT'S 25000 POINTS TO BEGIN WITH AND 30000 POINTS TO BREAK EVEN, THAT DIFFERENCE IS CALLED OKA AND IT'LL GRANT YOU FIRST PLACE


SHE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO BREAK EVEN.


IF SHE HAD WON WITH NODOKA'S RED 🎲, SHE WOULD HAVE COME IN SECOND, BUT WITH A SCORE OF +2


IF SHE HAD WON WITH YUKI'S 🎲, SHE WOULD HAVE COME IN FIRST.

RIICHI.
MIYANAGA-SAN'S TARGET SHOULD BE 5200 POINTS
BUT .
A RIICHI STICK!
IF I PUT OUT A RIICHI STICK, WHAT WILL SHE DO?
FOR SAKI-CHAN TO BREAK EVEN, SHE HAS TO GET A 70 FU 2 HAN HAND
NODOKA IS REALLY CRUEL.

THE ONLY HAND THAT FALLS IN THAT RANGE IS A 70 FU 2 HAN HAND.
TO BREAK EVEN NOW, SHE WOULD NEED 4100 TO 5000 POINTS.
NOW SHE HAS TO LOWER HER TARGET BY 1000 POINTS
A HAND EVEN RARER THAN YAKUMAN...
70 FU...
TO BUILD A 2 HAN HAND ON THAT FOUNDATION WOULD BE CLOSE TO IMPOSSIBLE.
SO FAR IN OUR CLUB STATS, THE CHANCE OF 70 FU SHOWING UP IS 1 IN 1000.

THE REQUIRED 40 FU 3 HAN HAND TO CHANGE TO A 70 FU 2 HAN HAND.
MY RIICHI CAUSED

THE CHANCE OF GETTING A 70 FU HAND IS NOT EVEN 0.1%
NOW... IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE THE HAND SHE NEEDS
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IT'S OVER
NO...?
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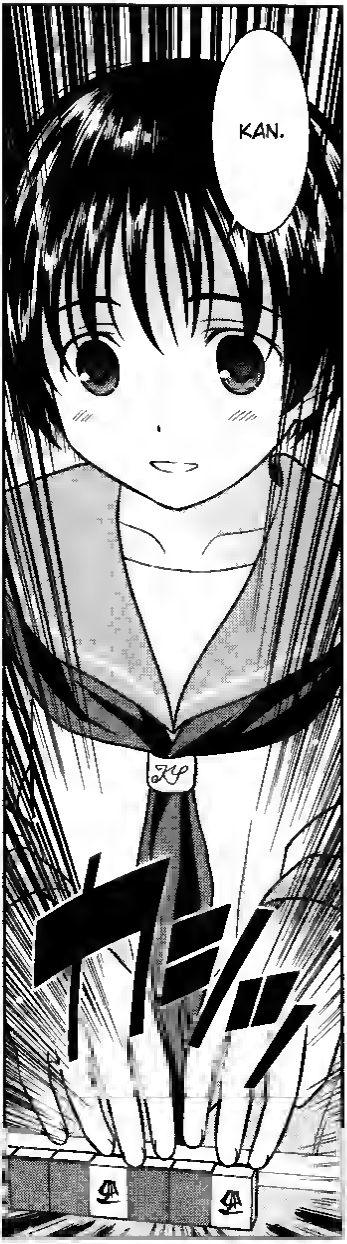
THIS IS...!!

HUH?


KAN.
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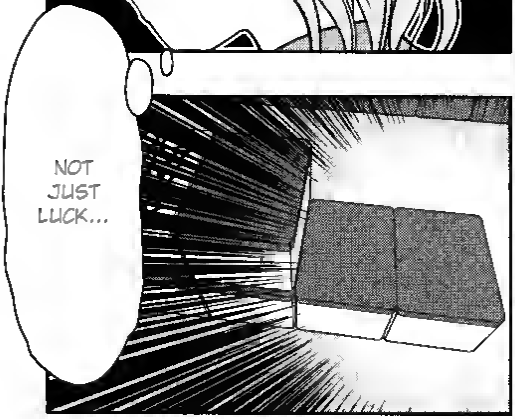
BUT TO WIN WITH A 70 FU 2 HAN HAND, LUCK IS NECESSARY.

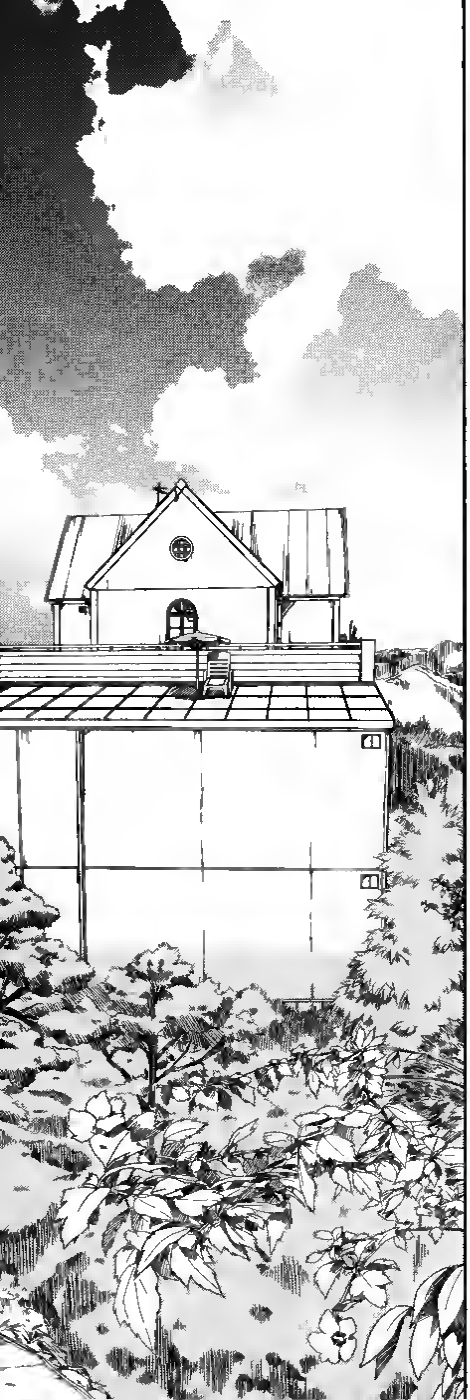
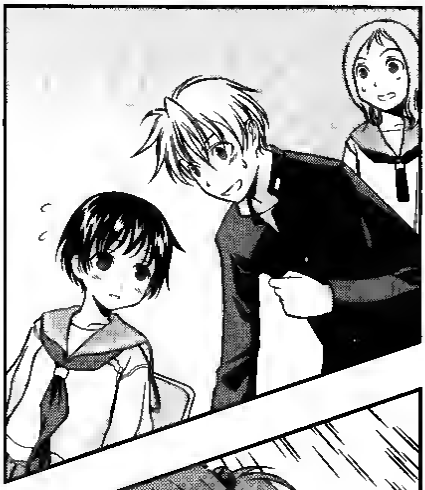

NOT JUST LUCK...

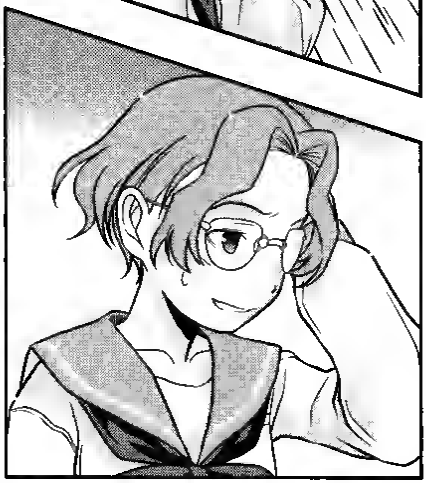
IN THIS SITUATION...
SUPER-HUMANLY GREAT LUCK IS NEEDED...!

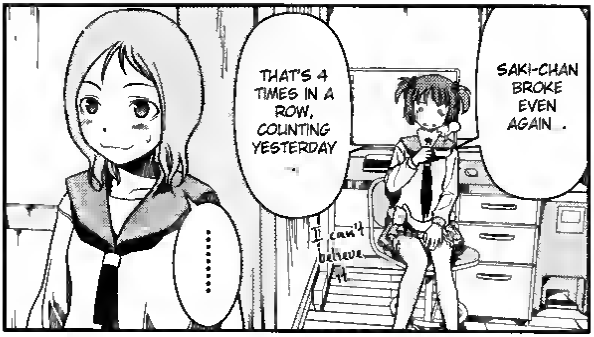
YOU WOULD NEED TO CALL OUT FOR A MIRACLE!

RINSHAN KAIHOU DRAWING A TILE THAT COMPLETES A PLAYER'S HAND AFTER DECLARING A KAN

70 FU
2 HAN,
1200/2300
POINTS.
!!
A DEMON
OR A
GOD...!!




THAT'S 4 TIMES IN A ROW, COUNTING YESTERDAY
SAKI-CHAN BROKE EVEN AGAIN.
I can't believe it
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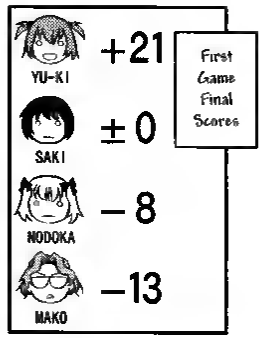
First Game Final Scores
YU-KI
+21
SAKI
±0
NODOKA
−8
MAKO
−13

HUH...?

MIYANAGA-SAN, THE OBJECTIVE OF MAHJONG IS VICTORY.

TRY TO WIN NEXT TIME!

Chapter 3: Victory and Defeat

I.
I KNOW THAT.
ガン

WHA...?
SAYING "I KNOW THAT" LIKE THAT...

TO WIN... IS TO BE IN FIRST PLACE.
IT'S CLEAR TO US WHO ACTUALLY WON!
BUT...

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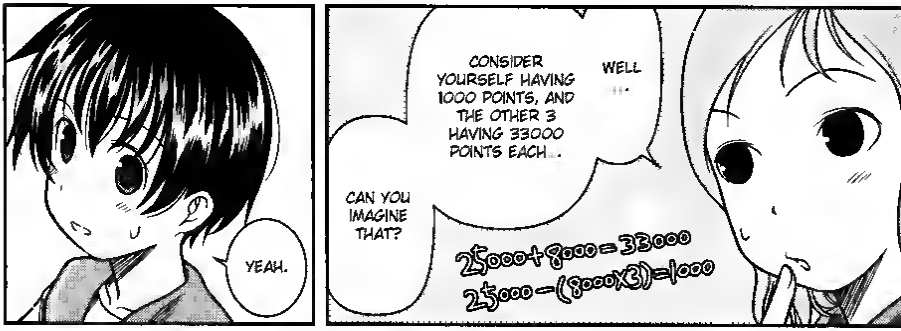
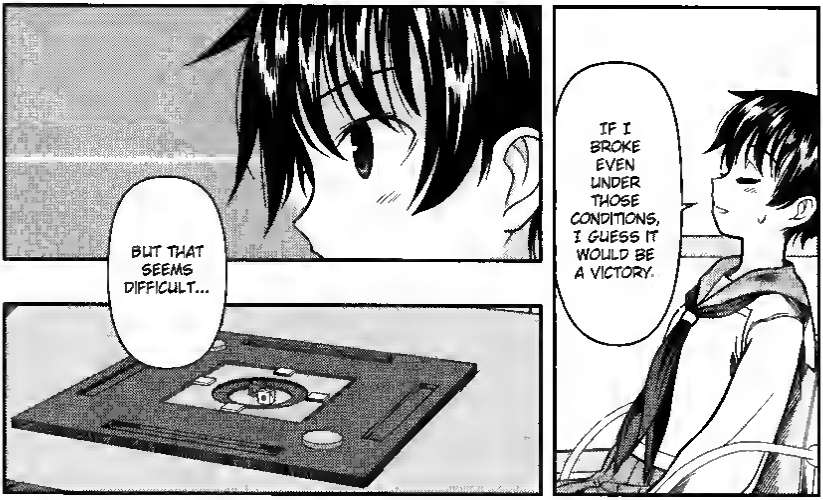
I BROKE EVEN, SO I'M NOT IN FIRST PLACE.


YEAH.
CONSIDER YOURSELF HAVING 1000 POINTS, AND THE OTHER 3 HAVING 33000 POINTS EACH...
WELL...
CAN YOU IMAGINE THAT?
25000+8000=33000
25000-(8000X3)=1000

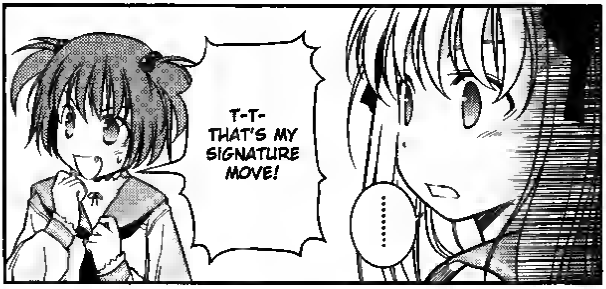

BUT THAT SEEMS DIFFICULT...
IF I BROKE EVEN UNDER THOSE CONDITIONS, I GUESS IT WOULD BE A VICTORY.

Second East Wind Game East First Round Dealer Yuki
MIYANAGA-SAN HAS BROKEN EVEN 4 TIMES IN A ROW NOW .
TO MANIPULATE YOUR SCORE AND TO ACHIEVE VICTORY ARE TWO SEPARATE THINGS
ACTUALLY WINNING IS IMPOSSIBLE

*DOUBLE RIICHI GOING INTO RIICHI ON THE FIRST TURN. 2 HAN

DOUBLE RIICHI. IPPATSU TSUMO.
2000/ 3900 POINTS.
ノドラッ

HER STRONG MOMENTUM FROM THE LAST ROUND HAS CARRIED OVER


T-T-THAT'S MY SIGNATURE MOVE!
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EVERYONE HELPED SET IT UP, THOUGH
TSUMI-KOMI …!?

IT'S JUST COINCI-DENCE...!!
East Second Round Dealer Saki
THAT KIND OF LUCK IS A ONE-TIME THING...
7700 POINTS.
I DON'T NEED A COINCIDENCE.
RON.
East Third Round Dealer Nodoka
I'LL WIN THIS THE WAY I ALWAYS DO...!!
TSUMO.

LET'S GO! RIICHI!
East Third Round, One Consecutive Win
4000 POINTS EACH.
パラッ
IT DIDN'T WORK...
HII!
11600 POINTS. WITH THE CONSECUTIVE WIN BONUS, IT'S 11900 POINTS.
IT'S ALL GOING NODOKA'S WAY, NOW.

East Fourth Round Dealer Mako

However, in the next game, Yuki took 7000 points off of Nodoka. Heading into the last hand...

SHE COULD TRY FOR A MANGAN FOR +8000 POINTS, BUT SHE'LL STILL LOSE
I GUESS THE ZERO CHILD'S LUCK STOPS HERE...
EVEN IF MIYANAGA-SAN MAKES A HANEMAN, IT WON'T BE ENOUGH TO OVERTAKE ME IN POINTS...
RIICHI!!
UNLESS SOMEONE PLAYS A RIICHI
IF SOMEONE COULD MANIPULATE THEIR SCORE TO ZERO EVERY TIME—
WINNING WOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM
キュッ
IF.

IF IT'S BECAUSE SHE DOESN'T FEEL THE PRESSURE OF WINNING...!!

WOW...
I GUESS A HAND LIKE THIS IS OK TODAY.

KAN.
A WEST KAN AGAIN ...!?

TSUMO.
SUUAN-KOU*!
*SUUANKOU: A HAND THAT CONSISTS OF ONLY PON AND KAN AND 1 TOITSU

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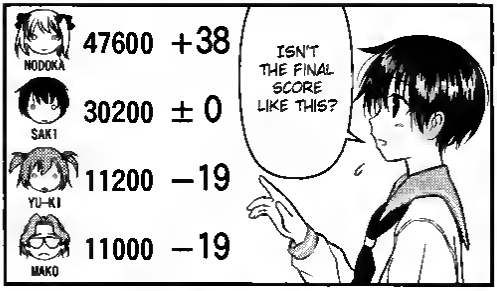
ガシャ
BUT I GUESS WINNING IS HARD, ISN'T IT?
I BROKE EVEN AGAIN.
HUH?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, SAKI-CHAN ...?
DIDN'T HARAMURA-SAN WIN THIS TIME?
!?
!
HUH ...?


NODOKA
47600 +38
SAKI
30200 ± 0
YU-KI
11200 −19
MAKO
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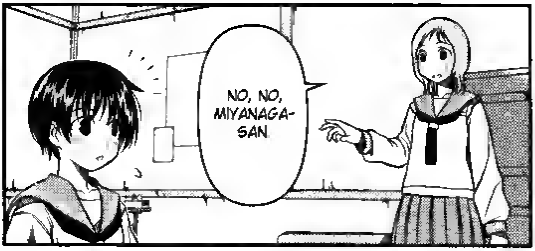
ISN'T THE FINAL SCORE LIKE THIS?

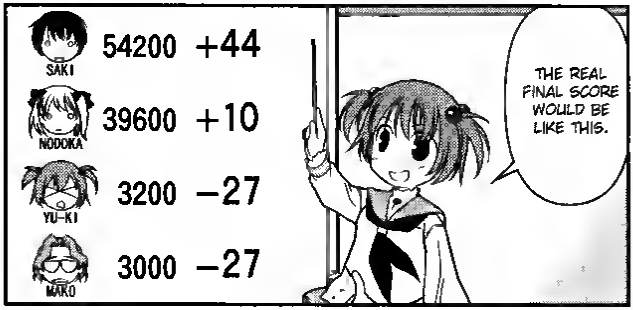
I STARTED WITH 1000 POINTS, SO I'M SECOND PLACE, RIGHT?

THEN...


NO, NO, MIYANAGA-SAN

RIGHT.
USU-ALLY.
EVEN THOUGH I SAID THAT, THE 1000 POINT START WAS ONLY IMAGI-NARY. IN REALITY, EVERYONE STARTS WITH 25000 POINTS, RIGHT?

THEN...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3200 −27
MAKO
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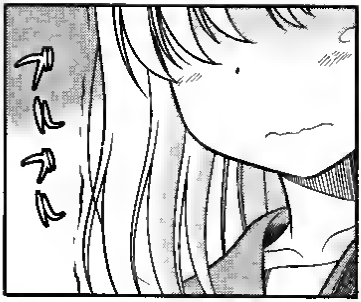
THE REAL FINAL SCORE WOULD BE LIKE THIS.

Game End
IT'S YOUR VICTORY.
I WON..?
AND SHE SCORED ZERO AGAIN
I GUESS SAKI HAS SOME MERITS AFTER ALL
THAT WAS AMAZING, SAKI-CHAN
YEAH,
YOU DID GREAT.

THUMP
Iooo
THUMP

WON...!!
THUMP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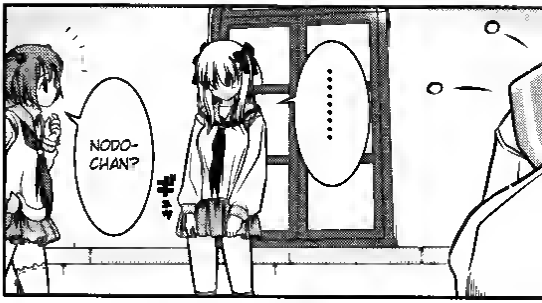
NODO-CHAN?
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WAS SHE CRYING?
NO WAY

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AGAIN?

THE CLUB'S LIBRARY
AH, RIGHT. MIYANAGA-SAN,
HERE ARE THE BOOKS I PROMISED YOU.
ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT NODOKA?
IF YOU JOIN THE MAHJONG CLUB, YOU CAN READ THEM WHENEVER YOU LIKE!
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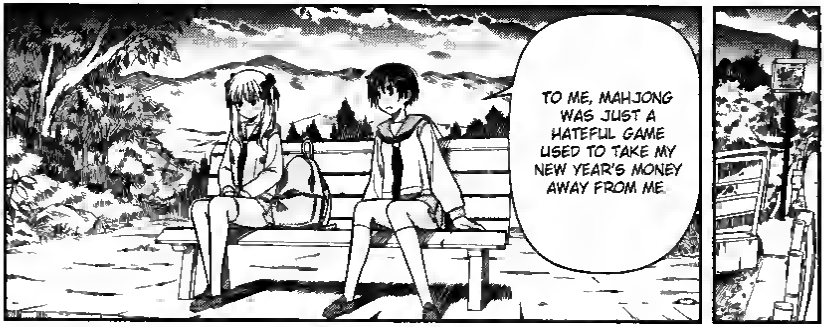
GO AHEAD,
BOOKS WON'T RUN AWAY CRYING.

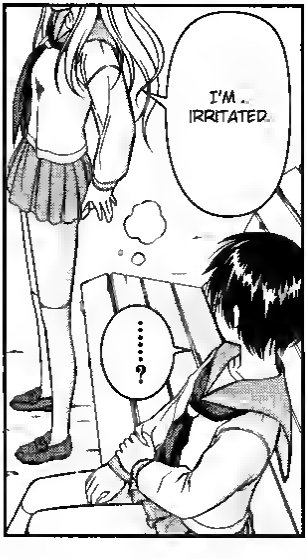
HARAMURA-SAN!


TO ME, MAHJONG WAS JUST A HATEFUL GAME USED TO TAKE MY NEW YEAR'S MONEY AWAY FROM ME.

BUT TODAY, I ENJOYED MYSELF PLAYING WITH YOU, HARAMURA-SAN.
THAT'S THE JOY OF VICTORY

PLAYING WITH MY FAMILY FELT SO AWKWARD THAT IT WAS UNPLEASANT...
YOU'RE WRONG IT'S BECAUSE I WAS PLAYING WITH YOU, HARAMURA-SAN!

SO, I HAD FUN!


I'M .. IRRITATED.
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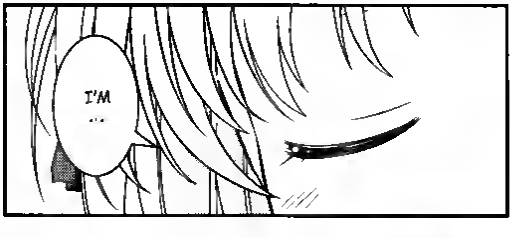
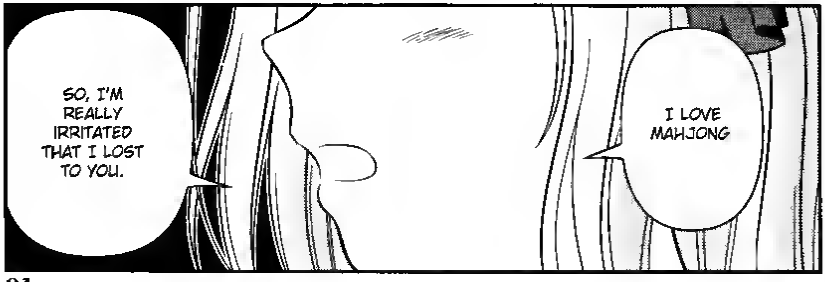
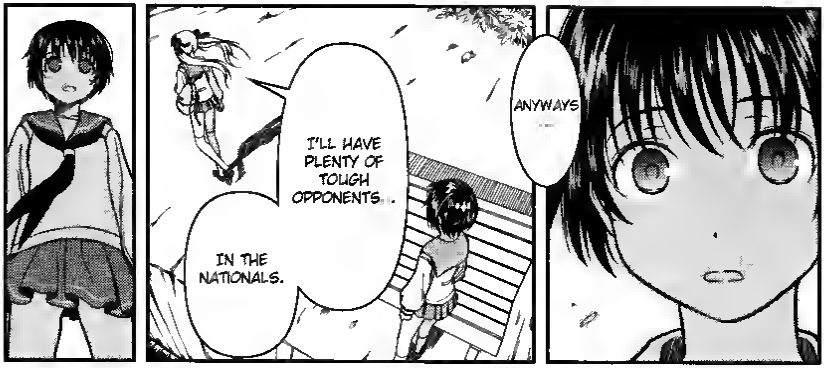

I'M ...


SO, I'M REALLY IRRITATED THAT I LOST TO YOU.
I LOVE MAHJONG

YOU DON'T EVEN LIKE MAHJONG...


I'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TOUGH OPPONENTS...
IN THE NATIONALS.
ANYWAYS...

BRINGING THE TABLE OUT, NOW, THAT'S A RARE SIGHT...
FATHER... WELCOME HOME.
YOU DON'T EVEN LIKE MAHJONG.
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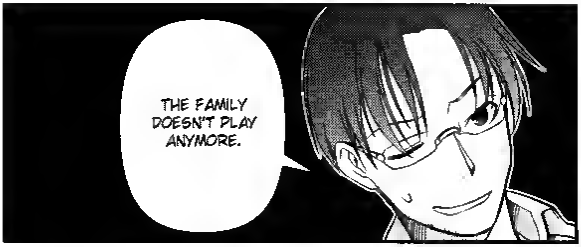
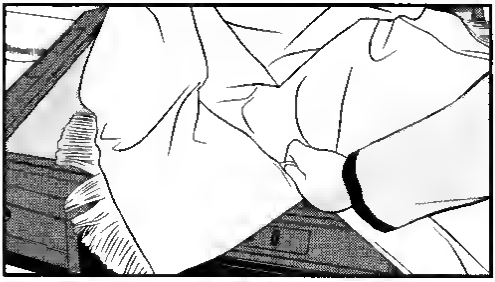

THE FAMILY DOESN'T PLAY ANYMORE.

SHOULD I SELL IT?

MOTHER AND SISTER ARE DEFINITELY COMING BACK.
NO, WE'LL PLAY AGAIN.
OK?



IS THAT SO?

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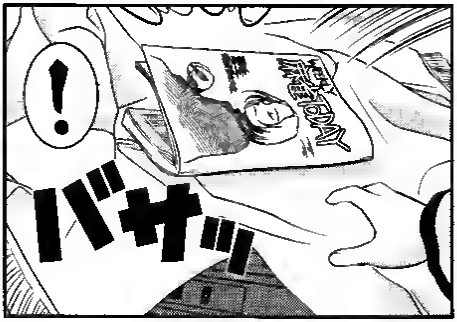
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School Champion
Miyanaga Teru (17)
... favorite to win the championship."

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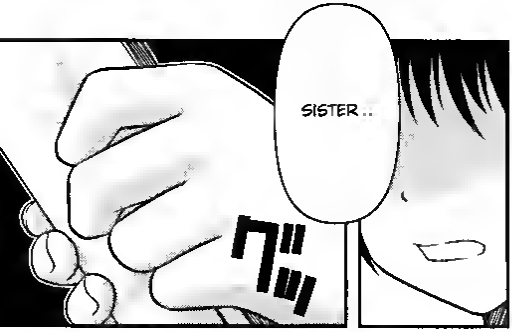
SISTER..
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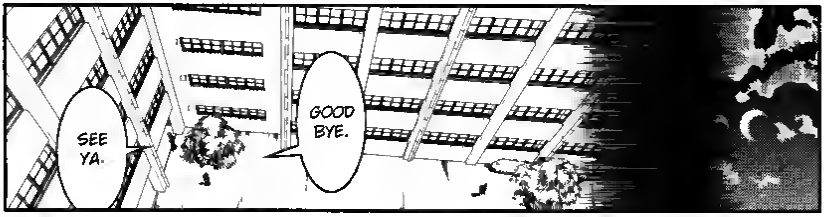
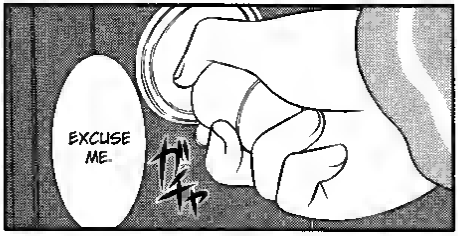

SEE YA.
GOOD BYE.

MAHJONG CLUB


EXCUSE ME.
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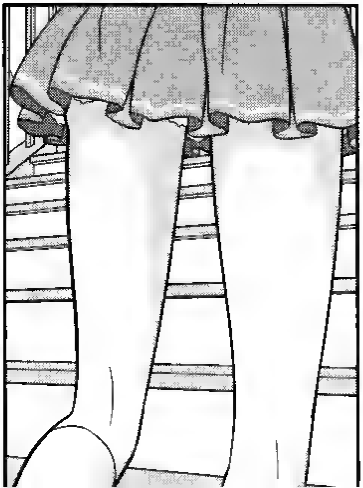
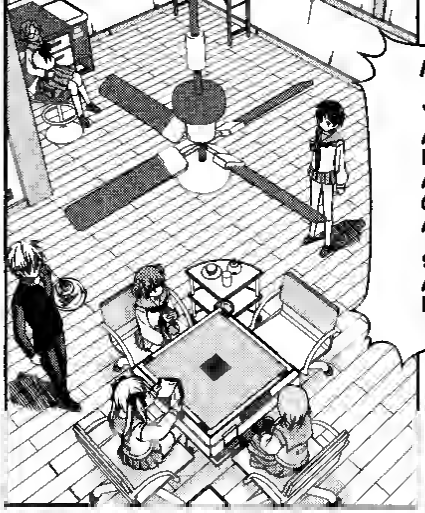
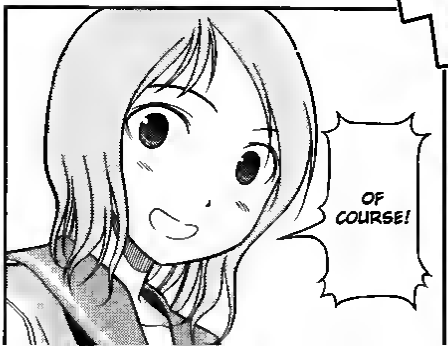



MIYANAGAISAN!

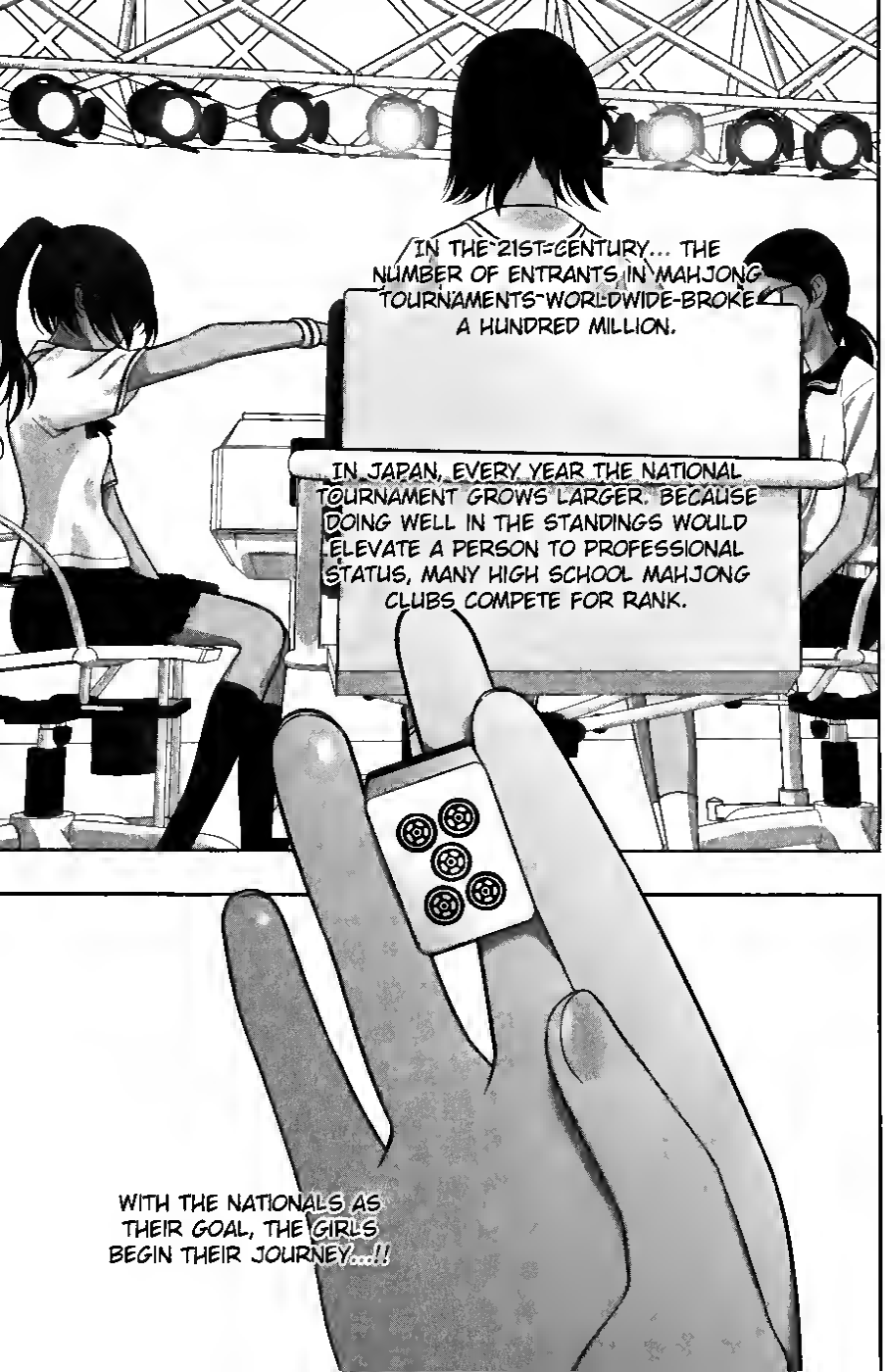

OF COURSE!

WILL YOU LET ME JOIN THE MAHJONG CLUB?

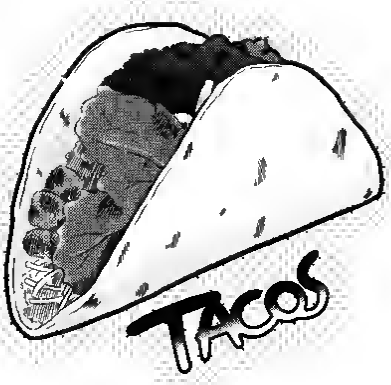
I...

I WANT TO PLAY A LOT MORE WITH HARAMURA-SAN.

I WANT TO WIN MORE IN MAHJONG ...!!


IN THE 21ST CENTURY... THE NUMBER OF ENTRANTS IN MAHJONG TOURNAMENTS WORLDWIDE BROKE A HUNDRED MILLION.
IN JAPAN, EVERY YEAR THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT GROWS LARGER. BECAUSE DOING WELL IN THE STANDINGS WOULD ELEVATE A PERSON TO PROFESSIONAL STATUS, MANY HIGH SCHOOL MAHJONG CLUBS COMPETE FOR RANK.
WITH THE NATIONALS AS THEIR GOAL, THE GIRLS BEGIN THEIR JOURNEY...!!

Round 1: Opposition


TACOS

HARAMURA-SAN!
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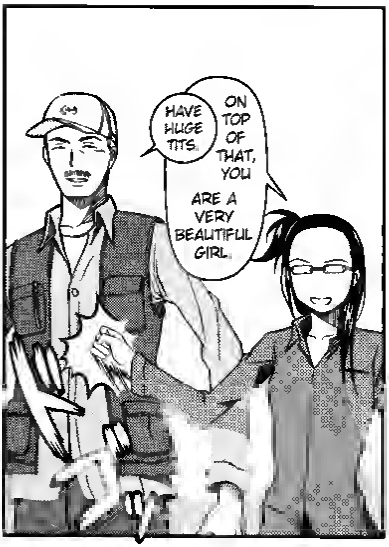
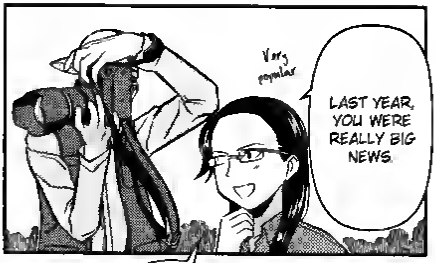
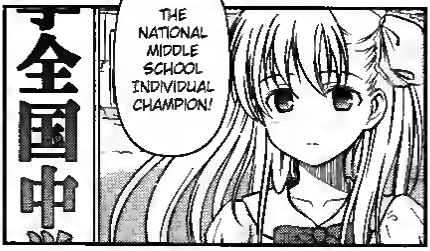
I'M NISHIDA FROM WEEKLY MAHJONG TODAY.
IF WE COULD HAVE JUST A MOMENT OF YOUR TIME...
...LONG TIME NO SEE.
Haramura Nodoka
Kyosumi High School Student, First Year
Mahjong Club Member


ON TOP OF THAT, YOU ARE A VERY BEAUTIFUL GIRL.
HAVE HUGE TITS.


Very popular
LAST YEAR, YOU WERE REALLY BIG NEWS.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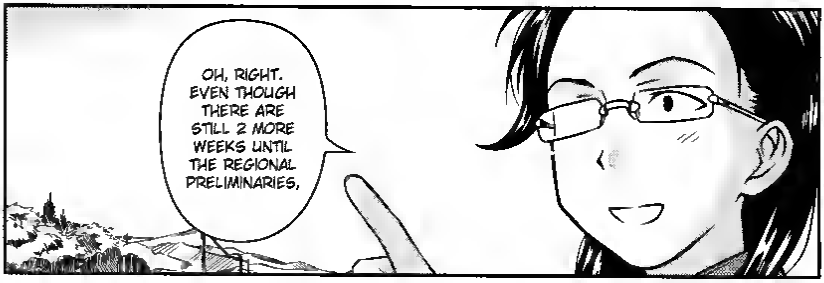
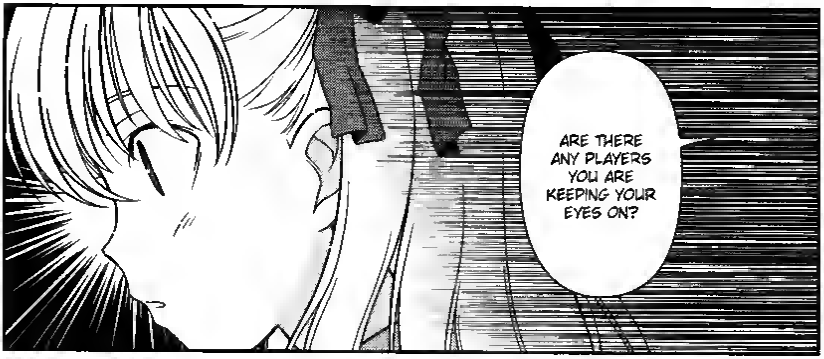
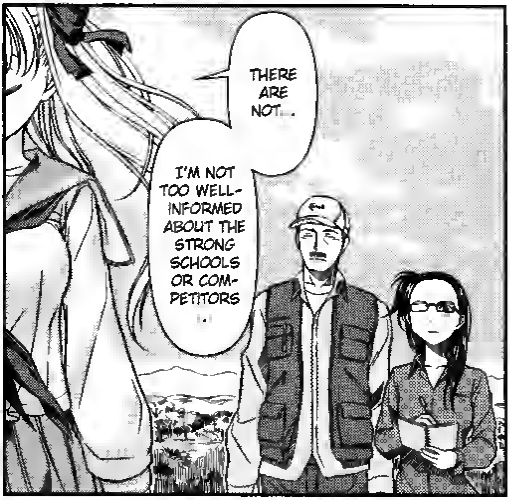
THE NATIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION!

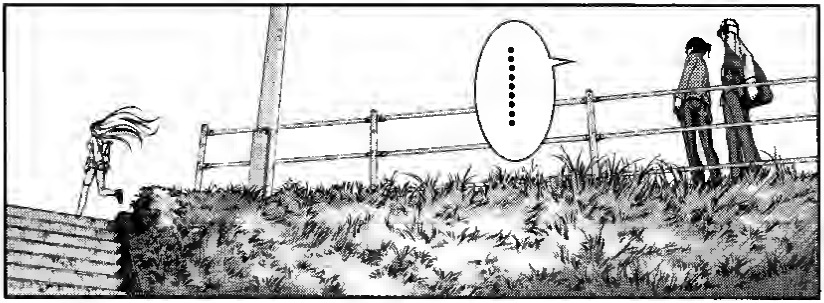

OH, RIGHT. EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE STILL 2 MORE WEEKS UNTIL THE REGIONAL PRELIMINARIES,


ARE THERE ANY PLAYERS YOU ARE KEEPING YOUR EYES ON?

AS LONG AS I CAN PLAY MY WAY...


I'M NOT TOO WELL-INFORMED ABOUT THE STRONG SCHOOLS OR COMPETITORS...
THERE ARE NOT...

IT DOESN'T MATTER AT ALL
WHO MY OPPONENT IS!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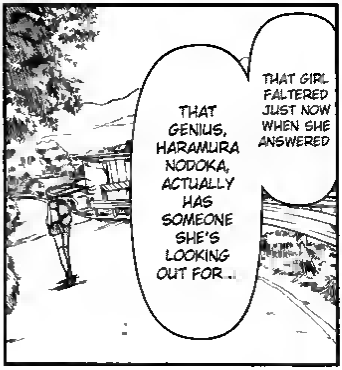

THAT GIRL FALTERED JUST NOW WHEN SHE ANSWERED
THAT GENIUS, HARAMURA NODOKA, ACTUALLY HAS SOMEONE SHE'S LOOKING OUT FOR..

THE REGIONALS ARE GOING TO BE INTERESTING
HUH?

WHAT KIND OF PERSON COULD IT BE...?
WHO...?
BUT SHE DOESN'T WANT TO ADMIT IT.
スーースー
Miyanaga Saki
Kiyosumi High School Student, First Year
Mahjong Club Member

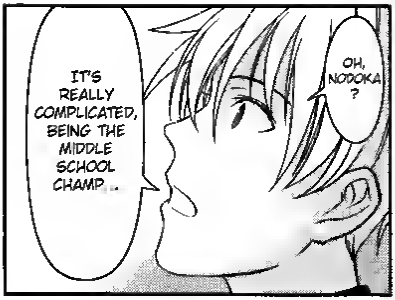
RINSHAN KAIHOU?
THAT'S THE NAME OF A YAKU IN MAHJONG. IT MEANS "A FLOWER THAT BLOOMS ON TOP OF A MOUNTAIN."
BLOOM?
IT'S THE SAME!
AS MY NAME!

SAKI.
THAT'S RIGHT.
ON A TALL MOUNTAIN FAR BEYOND THE FOREST
THAT IS WHERE THE FLOWER BLOOMS
STRONG ...
YOU ARE JUST LIKE THAT FLOWER...

A DREAM
WEEKLY

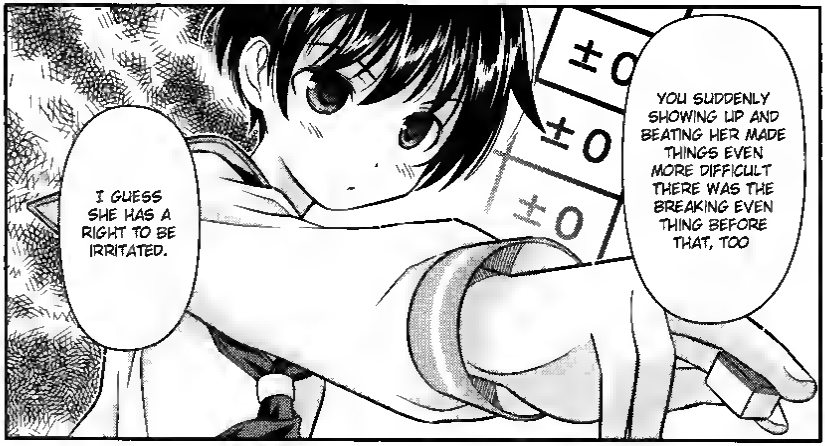
School Champion
Miyanaga Teru (17)
SISTER
.. favorite to win the cham p."

SAKIIII!
SHE WON, AS USUAL.
YOU'VE BEEN A MEMBER FOR A WEEK NOW. GOTTEN USED TO IT YET?
YEAH
KYO-CHAN
Suga Kyotaro
Kiyosumi High School Student, First Year Mahjong Club Member
BUT...
WINNING IS FUN, TOO!
IT'S FUN! I GET TO PLAY WITH PEOPLE OUTSIDE OF MY FAMILY.


IT'S REALLY COMPLICATED, BEING THE MIDDLE SCHOOL CHAMP...
OH, NODOKA?

WE HAVEN'T SPOKEN MUCH SINCE I JOINED.
HARAMURA-SAN DOESN'T SEEM TO LIKE ME VERY MUCH...

THE MEDIA ALSO PROCLAIMED HER A "GENIUS."
SHE'S SUPPOSED TO BE THE BEST IN JAPAN AMONG HER PEERS


I GUESS SHE HAS A RIGHT TO BE IRRITATED.
YOU SUDDENLY SHOWING UP AND BEATING HER MADE THINGS EVEN MORE DIFFICULT THERE WAS THE BREAKING EVEN THING BEFORE THAT, TOO
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IT'S NOT LAME!!
IT'S LAME. DEVELOPING YOUR TECHNIQUE BASED ON THAT...
FURTHERMORE, A THING LIKE YOUR FAMILY GETTING MAD AT YOU IF YOU WIN...
Y-YEAH
THAT'S TRUE, BUT...
THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO AIM FOR BREAKING EVEN ANYMORE, RIGHT?
BUT, NOW THAT YOU KNOW WINNING IS FUN,
I'LL GO WITH YOU GUYS!
STOP RIGHT THERE, YOU TWO!
!?
Kataoka Yuki
Kiyosumi High School Student, First Year Mahjong Club Member

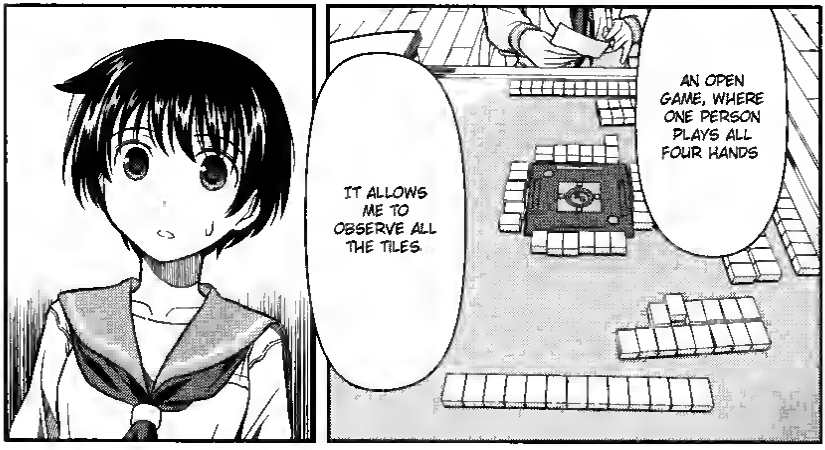
WHY WOULD YOU EAT TACOS IN A PLACE LIKE THAT?
HOP

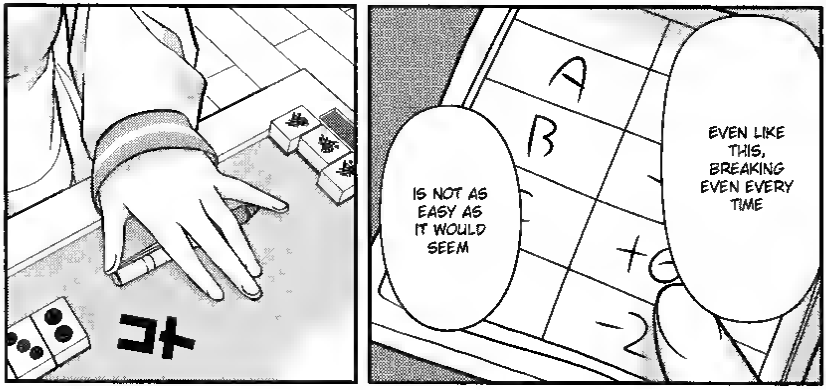
WHAT'S WITH THIS ATMO-SPHERE?
AFTER I UNWRAP MY TACOS, I'M NOT HUMAN ANY MORE...

I BECOME A TACO!!
Taco
A tortilla with a meat and vegetable filling
A Mexican dish

ガチャ
MAHJONG CLUB
YOOO!
ONLY NODOKA-CHAN IS HERE?
MAKO AND THE PRESIDENT ARE COMING LATER

I'LL HELP YOU MAKE THE TEA!
FINE, FINE.
W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING, HARAMURA-SAN?
THIS IS...


AN OPEN GAME, WHERE ONE PERSON PLAYS ALL FOUR HANDS
IT ALLOWS ME TO OBSERVE ALL THE TILES.


EVEN LIKE THIS, BREAKING EVEN EVERY TIME
IS NOT AS EASY AS IT WOULD SEEM
A
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+6
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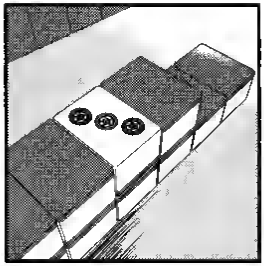
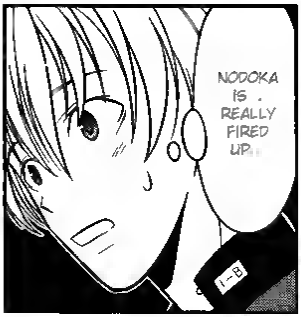
Concentrate!
TACOS ARE DELI-CIOUS!
First Match East First Round. Dealer. Nodoka

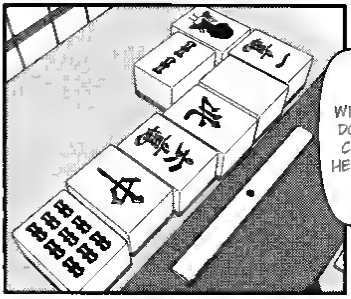
カラ
カラ
PRACTICE GAME, BEGIN!



AND THERE'S TAKOYAKI AS WELL!
ANYTHING WITH 'TAKO' IN IT'S NAME MUST BE DELICIOUS
QUIET
CLICK
CLICK


NODOKA IS . REALLY FIRED UP.

RIICHI.



WHAT DO I CUT HERE?
NODO-CHAN'S DEALER RIICHI

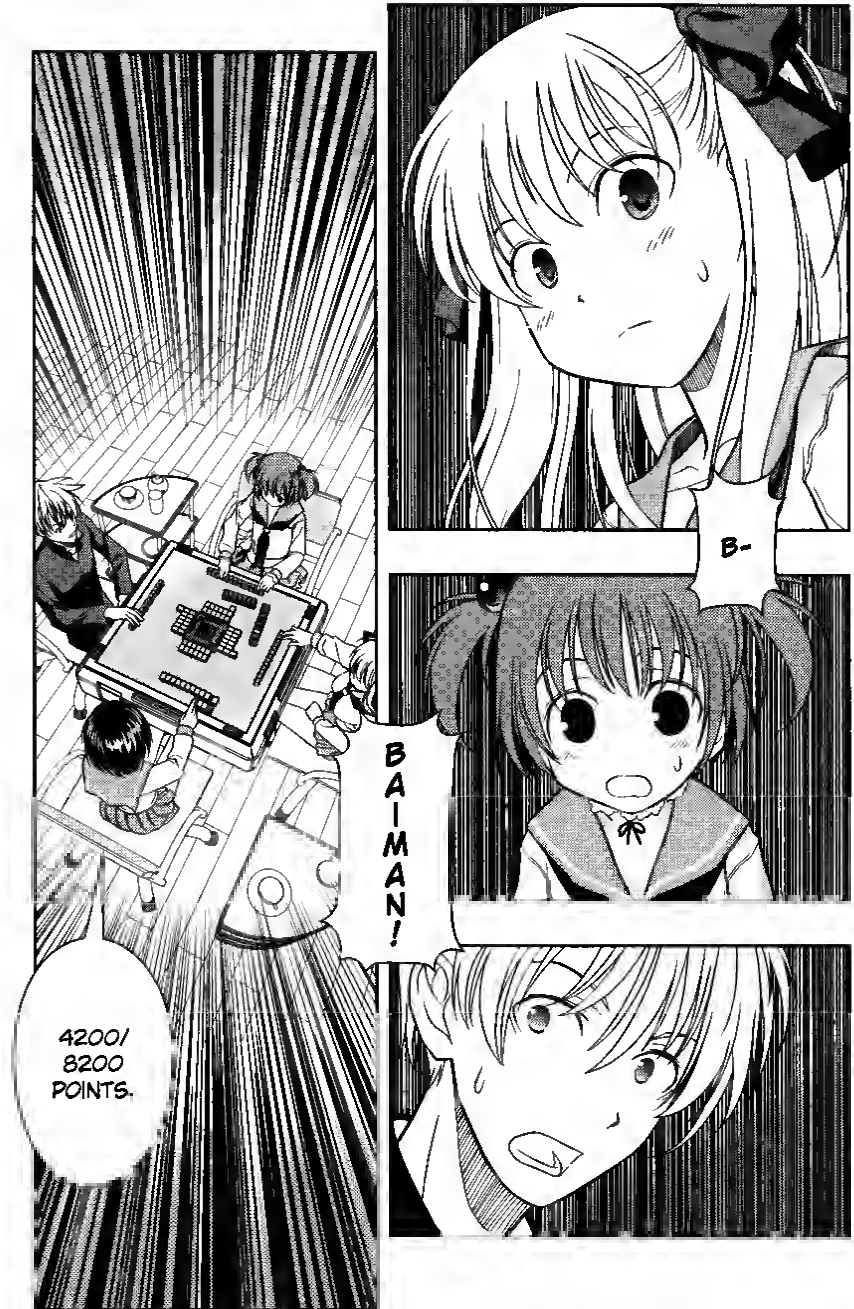
THIS ONE!!
RON.
18000 POINTS.
Ahhhhh!

East First Round, First Consecutive Win
TSUMO
REST IN PEACE
2700 POINTS EACH.
HEY!
THAT KIND OF AGGRESSIVE PLAY IS MY STYLE!
SIGH...
NODOKA-SAN REALLY IS AMAZING!

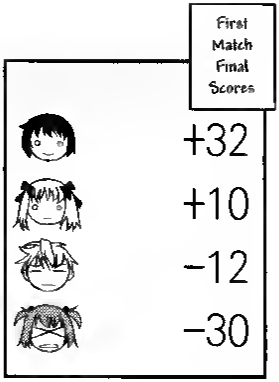
I WILL ALSO...
ALL RIGHT...
East Second Round, Second Consecutive Win
KAN.
!!
THAT'S RIGHT...

I AM ALSO BLOOMING ON THE PEAK OF THE MOUNTAIN.
JUST LIKE THAT FLOWER...
FF

RINSHAN KAIHOU. TSUMO. MENZEN CHIN ITSU.


B-
BAIMAN!
4200/
8200
POINTS.

I'M DONE FOR.
PLEASE FEED KYOTARO 4 TIMES A DAY.
I LEAVE THE REST TO YOU.


First Match Final Scores
+32
+10
−12
−30

Boooo!
IT'S BORING BECAUSE I'M NOT WINNING.

BUT REALLY, NODOKA AND SAKI ARE AMAZING.
SO, I'M A PET.. ?

YOU CAN WIN THE NEXT ONE.
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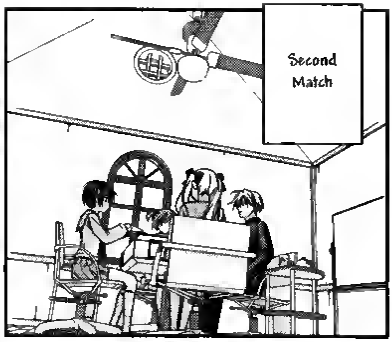
UH HUH


Second
Match

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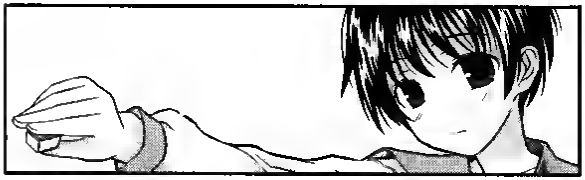
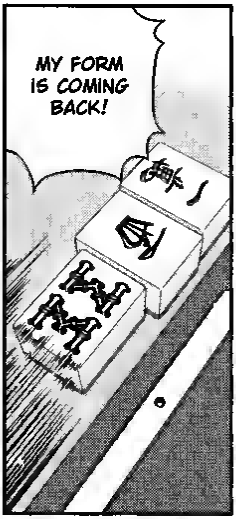



MY FORM
IS COMING
BACK!

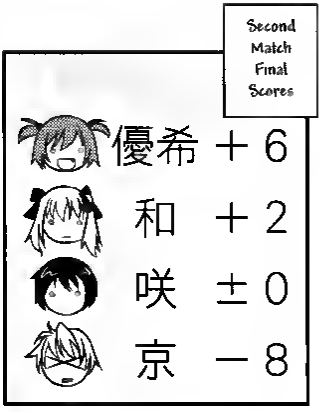
RON!
12000
POINTS!
SHE DEALT
SUCH A
RISKY ?
YEAH.

KOKUSHI MUSOU TENPAI!?

*KOKUSHI MUSOU: A UNIQUE HAND COMPOSED OF ONE OF EACH END TILE AND AN ADDITIONAL TILE THAT MAKES A PAIR. ONE OF THE YAKUMAN HANDS. PAYOUT IS 48000 FOR DEALER AND 32000 FOR NON-DEALER

I'VE OVER-LOOKED MIYANAGA-SAN'S SKILL...!!

I DID IT! I'M FIRST PLACE!
SAKI ..


Second Match Final Scores
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I'M DONE FOR THE DAY.

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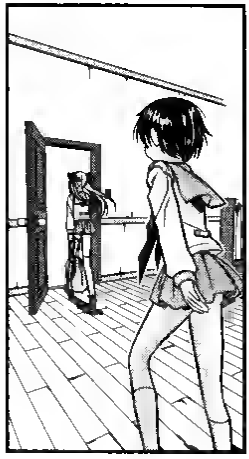
BROKE EVEN, HUH .?



AH, I'LL GO WITH ..
QUIT-TING WHILE YOU'RE AHEAD?
HUH?

WHAT A HAPPY FAMILY. RIGHT, DEAR? ♡
NOT AT ALL.
バタン
WHERE ARE THOSE TWO?
PRESI-DENT.
HUH? ONLY THE TWO OF YOU?
HUH..? SHE WAS ANGRY?
NODO-CHAN GOT ANGRY AND RAN OFF
Takei Hisa
Kiyosumi High School Student, Third Year Student Council and Mahjong Club President
パラッ
I SEE.
AH,

HARA-
MURA-
SAN!

I'M
REALLY
GLAD I
JOINED THE
MAHJONG
CLUB

AND
PLAYING
WITH
HARAMURA-
SAN IS
REALLY
FUN.

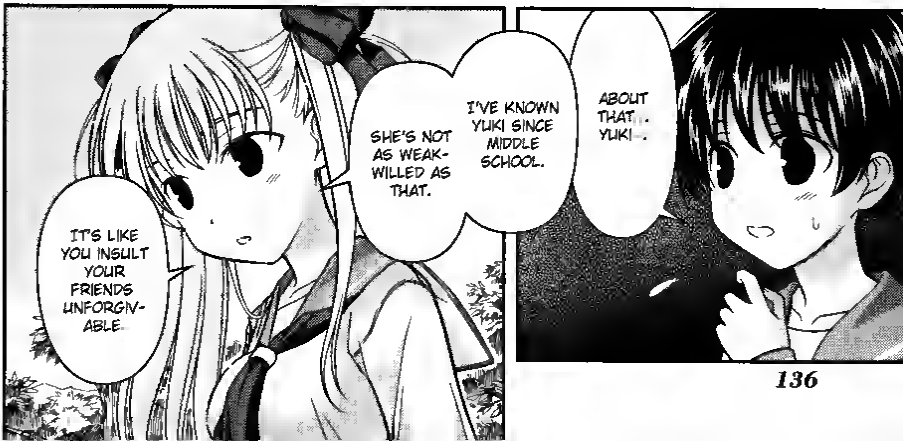
I'M NOT HAVING FUN.
HUH...?
IF YOU'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO PLAY LIKE YOU JUST DID,

WOULD YOU PLEASE QUIT THE CLUB?

Round 2: Reason

WAIT... HARAMURA-SAN!

SINCE YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO WIN, WHY DIDN'T YOU PLAY THE KOKUSHI MUSOU HAND?


ABOUT THAT... YUKI...
I'VE KNOWN YUKI SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL.
SHE'S NOT AS WEAK-WILLED AS THAT.
IT'S LIKE YOU INSULT YOUR FRIENDS UNFORGIV-ABLE.

I...
JUST WANTED EVERYONE TO HAVE FUN...
BECAUSE YOU WERE GOING EASY, I DIDN'T HAVE FUN...

PLEASE LET ME ENJOY MYSELF TOO...!!
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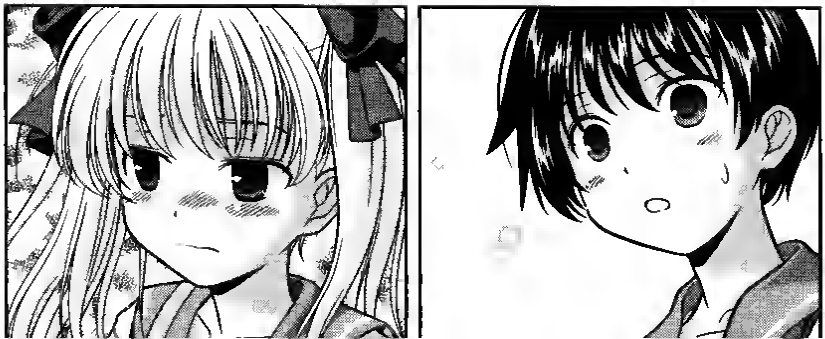


IF YOU DON'T, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO GO TO THE NATIONALS.
O-OF COURSE.
FROM NOW ON, I'LL GO ALL OUT!
WE WON'T BE ABLE TO GO TO THE NATIONALS...?
I... WANT TO GO TO THE NATIONALS.
THAT... THAT WOULD TERRIBLE FOR ME...

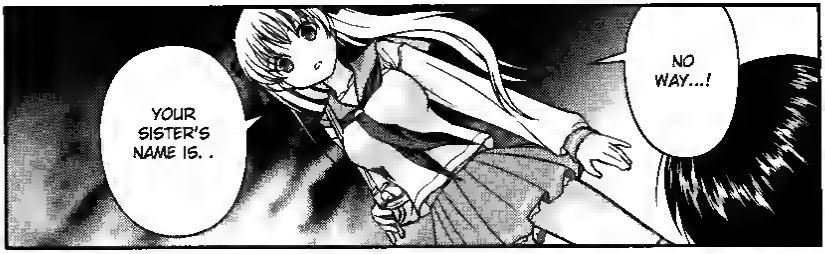
I'VE GOT TO GO TO THE NATIONALS NO MATTER WHAT!!
I SEE..
SO, YOUR MOTHER AND SISTER ARE IN TOKYO..
YEAH.. IT'S NOT A DIVORCE YET, BUT..

ONE TIME...
I WENT ALONE TO GO SEE THEM
MY SISTER WOULDN'T SAY A SINGLE WORD TO ME...
?
SHE'S DEFINITELY STILL ANGRY AT ME...
BUT IF IT'S MAHJONG...

IF IT'S THROUGH PLAYING MAHJONG, I'LL BE ABLE TO TALK TO HER!

PROBABLY SHE APPEARED IN A MAGAZINE AS "THE FAVORITE TO WIN THE CHAMPION-SHIP."

DID YOUR SISTER PLAY IN THE INTER HIGH?


NO WAY...!
YOUR SISTER'S NAME IS. .

I'VE HEARD OF HER
THE DOUBLE CHAMPION OF LAST YEAR'S INTER HIGH AND SPRING TOURNAMENT

IT'S TERU.

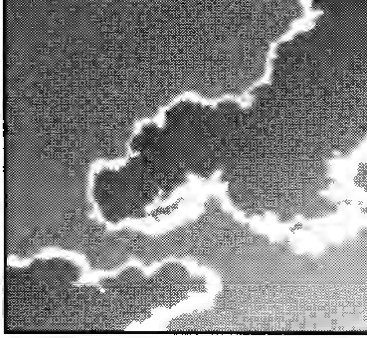
MIYANAGA TERU...!

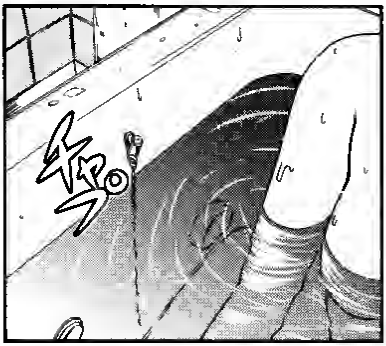
THEN
.....
SO, YOU ALSO HAVE A COLORFUL PAST.
HARA-MURA-SAN, TOO?
?
I'LL... TRY MY BEST...
SO, LET'S DO IT TOGETHER!

LET'S GO TO THE NATIONALS TOGETHER !!

SURE!

PLEASE DON'T GO EASY ON ME ANYMORE.
THEN,

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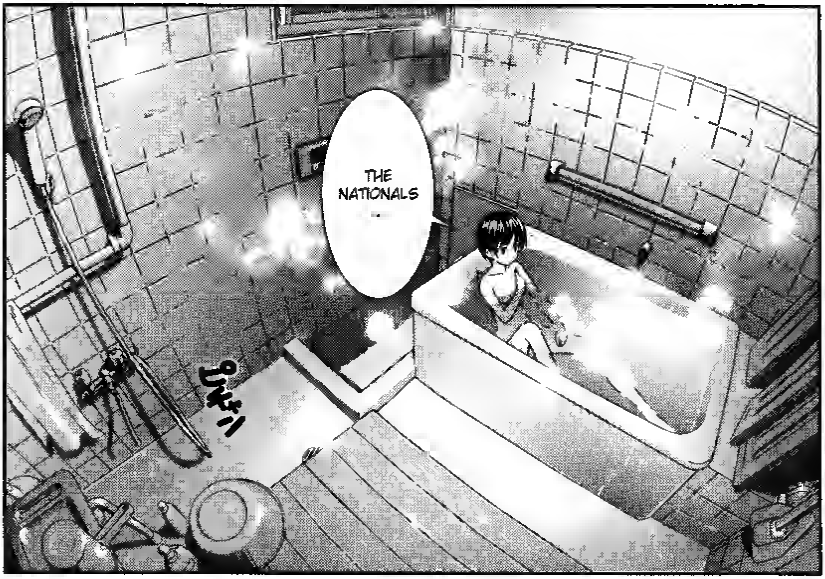
THE NATIONALS
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IF I GO TO THE NATIONALS ...
I'LL BE ABLE TO MEET MY SISTER AGAIN...!

LET'S GO TO THE NATIONALS!
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NODOKA
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU STAYED UP LATE LAST NIGHT...
I THINK YOU UNDER-STAND, BUT
PLEASE PLAY MODERATELY...

I'LL BE GOING NOW.

YES, FATHER.

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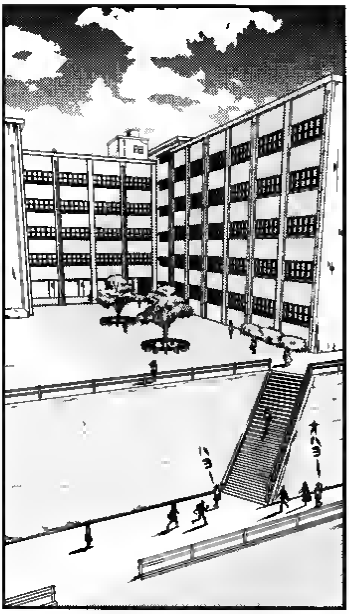
LET'S GO TO THE NATIONALS!

HARA-MURA-SAN!
MORN-ING...
AH...
LET'S WALK TOGETHER
G-
GOOD MORNING...

THAT'S RIGHT...
STARTING TODAY, WE'RE GOING TO TRAIN FOR THE NATIONALS.

TOGETHER WITH MIYANAGA-SAN...!!
I'LL GO TO THE NATIONALS...

ALL RIGHT, LET'S HAVE LUNCH TOGETHER.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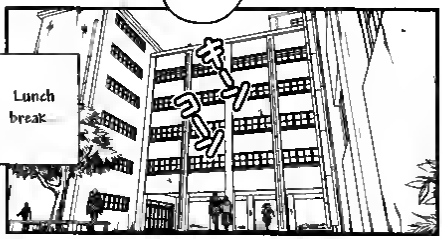
SAKI...
KYO-CHAN

M-MAY I JOIN YOU LADIES FOR LUNCH, AS WELL?
WHAT'S WITH THE FORMALITIES?

YOU... STARTED GETTING ALONG WITH NODOKA...?
YEAH.


Lunch break...
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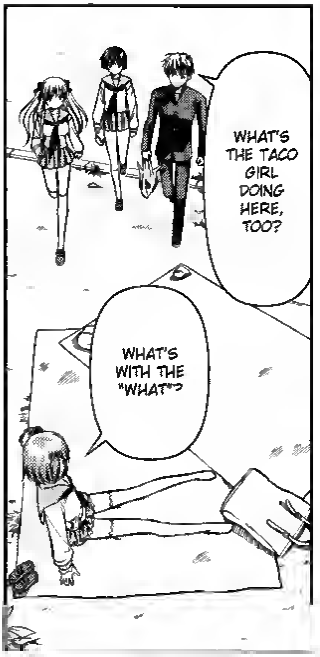
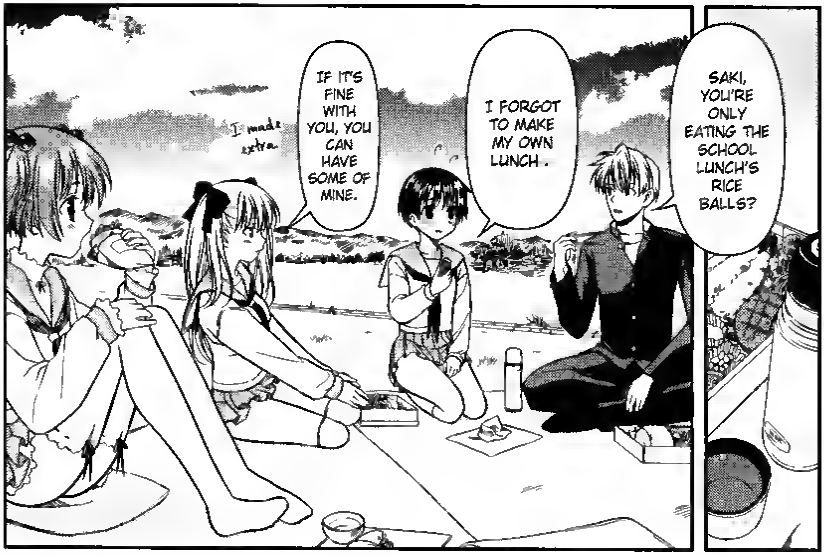

WHAT'S THE TACO GIRL DOING HERE, TOO?
WHAT'S WITH THE "WHAT"?

YOU'RE LATE!
I'M ALREADY STARVING.


I made extra.
IF IT'S FINE WITH YOU, YOU CAN HAVE SOME OF MINE.
I FORGOT TO MAKE MY OWN LUNCH.
SAKI, YOU'RE ONLY EATING THE SCHOOL LUNCH'S RICE BALLS?

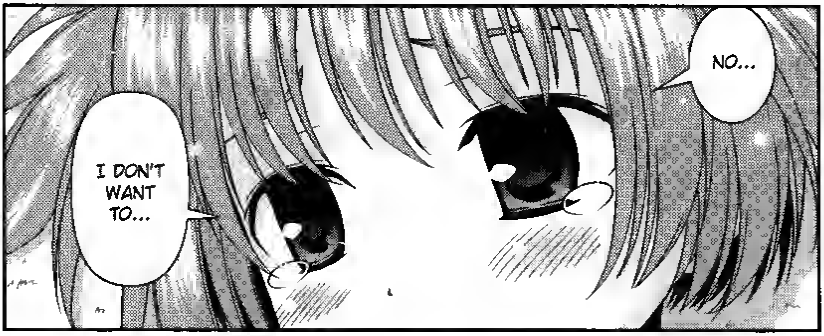
HARA-MURA-SAN IS REALLY GOOD AT COOKING!
IT'S DELI-CIOUS!
IT'S BECAUSE NODO-CHAN IS MY WIFE!
I-IT'S BECAUSE IT WOULD BE BAD IF I LOSE IN CLUB ACTIVITIES BECAUSE OF AN EMPTY STOMACH..
WIFE?
YO.

Welcome home.
Waaaa
WIFE ...?
Grr...

ISN'T THAT MY MEAT BUN?

TOO BAD NODO-CHAN PREFERS MAHJONG TO MEN
CREEP

AH!
GIVE IT BACK


NO...
I DON'T WANT TO...

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS...!?
STOP ...

AMAZING CLUB
After school
OK, ATTENTION!
GRR.
TACO-EATING GIRL AND SLEEPING GIRL, OVER HERE
YAWN
...
WHAT'S WITH THE PENGUIN...?
IT'S MY PILLOW.
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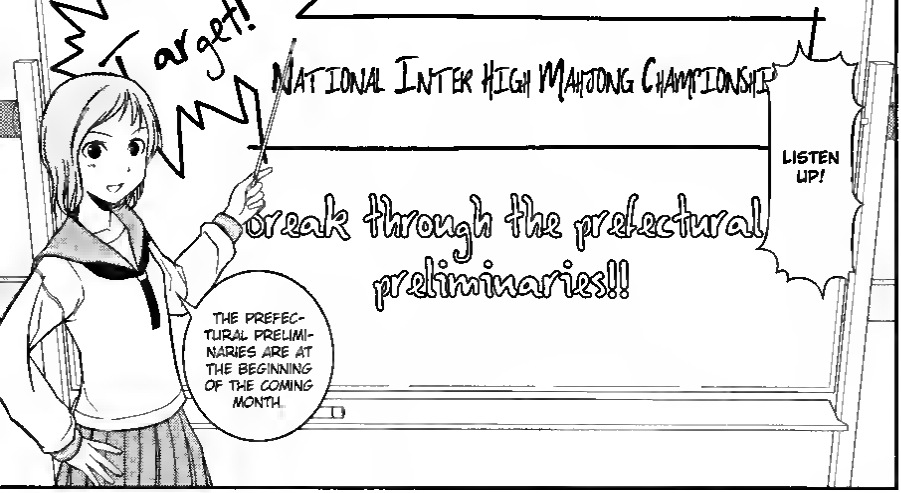
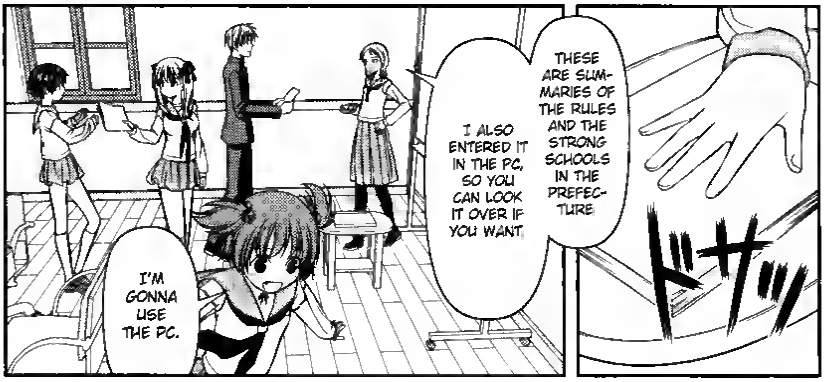

Target!
National Inter High Mahjong Championship
LISTEN UP!
Break through the prefectural preliminaries!!
THE PREFECTURAL PRELIMINARIES ARE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE COMING MONTH.


I'M GONNA USE THE PC.
I ALSO ENTERED IT IN THE PC, SO YOU CAN LOOK IT OVER IF YOU WANT.
THESE ARE SUMMARIES OF THE RULES AND THE STRONG SCHOOLS IN THE PREFECTURE.
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カチカチ
HM. .
5-PERSON SUBSTITUTION? WHAT'S THIS?
I'LL ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS LATER, SO JUST LOOK THROUGH THEM YOURSELF FIRST.
EVERYONE HAS 100000 POINTS

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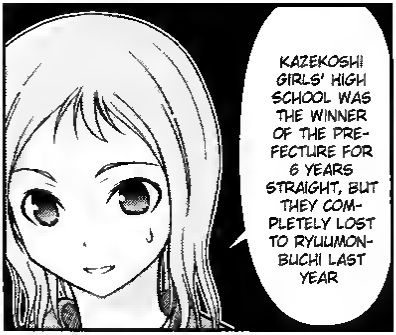
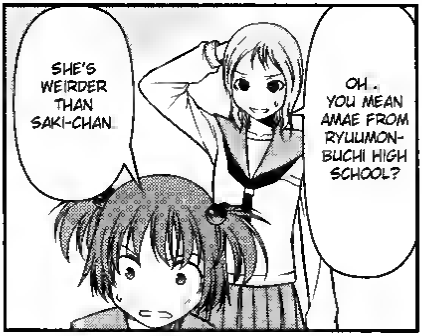
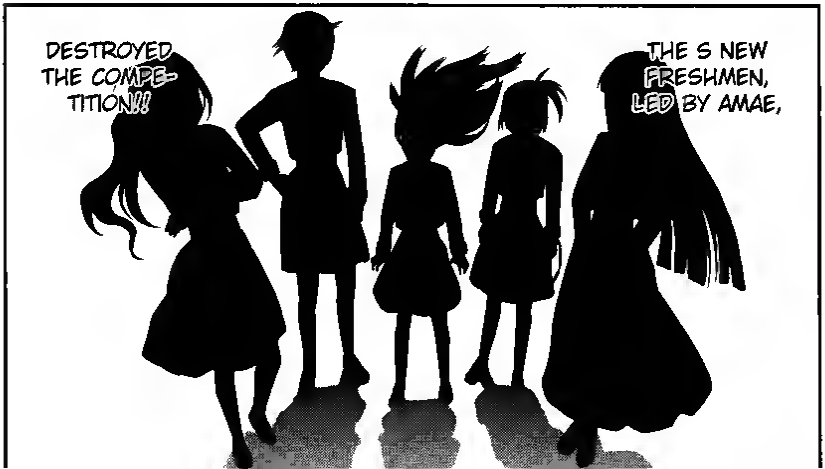
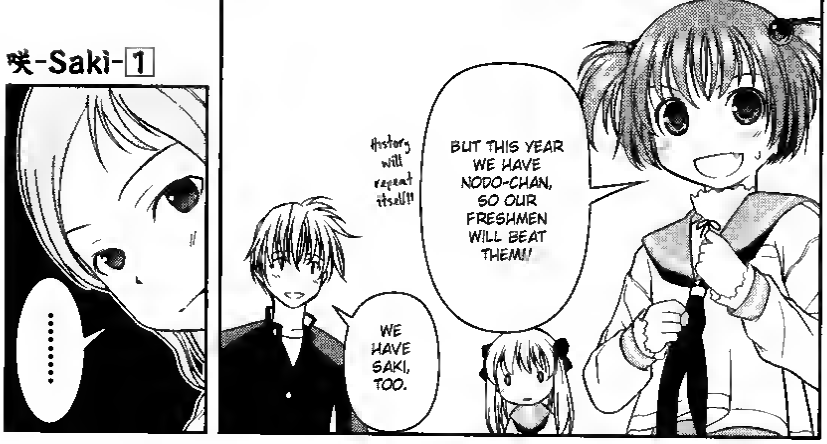
I DON'T QUITE GET THIS PERSON...
HEY...


KAZEKOSHI GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL WAS THE WINNER OF THE PREFECTURE FOR 6 YEARS STRAIGHT, BUT THEY COMPLETELY LOST TO RYUUMONBUCHI LAST YEAR


SHE'S WEIRDER THAN SAKI-CHAN.
OH. YOU MEAN AMAE FROM RYUUMONBUCHI HIGH SCHOOL?


DESTROYED THE COMPETITION!!
THE 5 NEW FRESHMEN, LED BY AMAE,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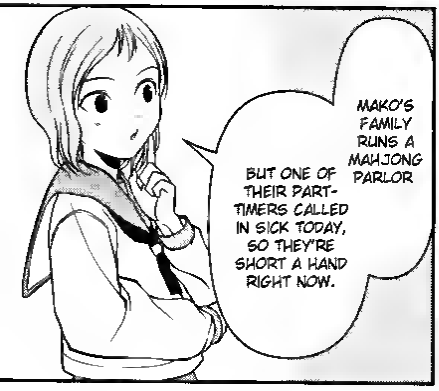
WE HAVE SAKI, TOO.
history will repeat itself!!
BUT THIS YEAR WE HAVE NODO-CHAN, SO OUR FRESHMEN WILL BEAT THEM!!


MAKO'S FAMILY RUNS A MAHJONG PARLOR
BUT ONE OF THEIR PART-TIMERS CALLED IN SICK TODAY, SO THEY'RE SHORT A HAND RIGHT NOW.

ISN'T SOMEYA-SENPAI COMING TODAY?
OH,
I FORGOT.

!?
NODOKA AND MIYANAGA-SAN, CAN YOU TWO GO?
Huh?

THAT'S WHY...
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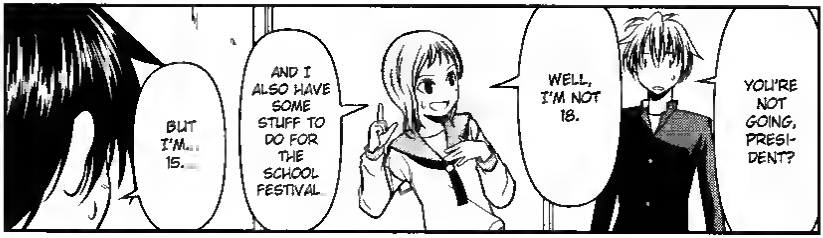
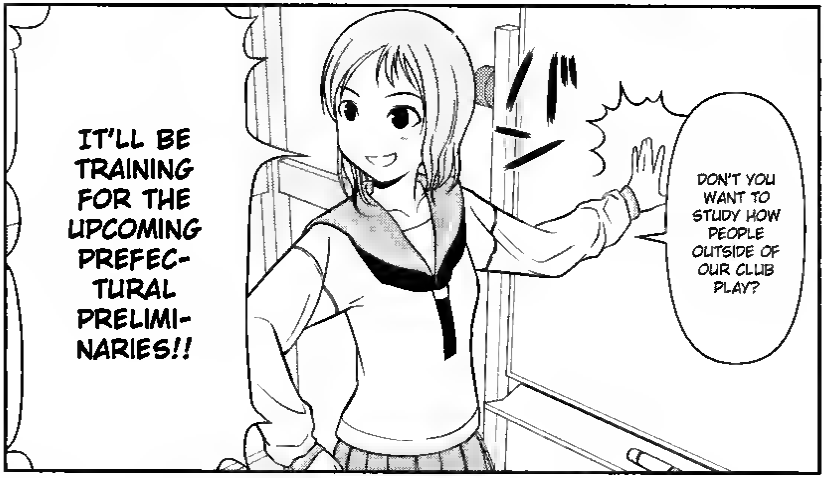
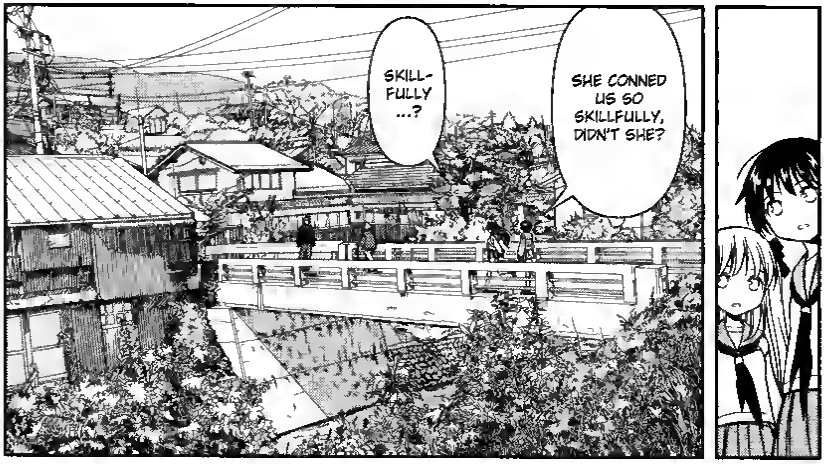
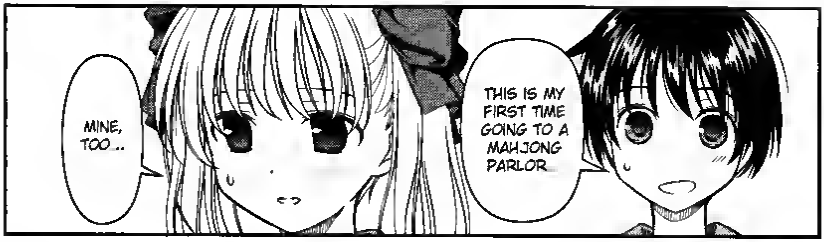

YOU'RE NOT GOING, PRESIDENT?
WELL, I'M NOT 18.
AND I ALSO HAVE SOME STUFF TO DO FOR THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL
BUT I'M... 15...

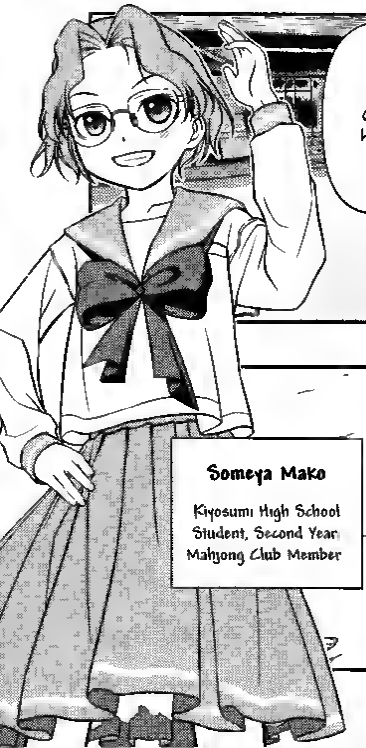

DON'T YOU WANT TO STUDY HOW PEOPLE OUTSIDE OF OUR CLUB PLAY?
IT'LL BE TRAINING FOR THE UPCOMING PREFECTURAL PRELIMINARIES!!

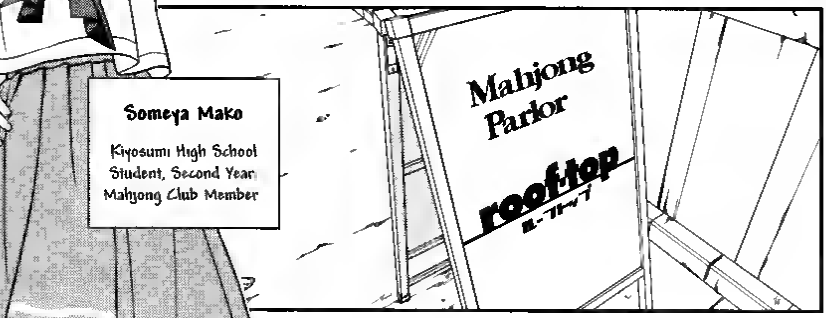

SHE CONNED US SO SKILLFULLY, DIDN'T SHE?
SKILLFULLY ...?


MINE, TOO ..
THIS IS MY FIRST TIME GOING TO A MAHJONG PARLOR

W-WHATEVER KIND OF PLACE IT MAY BE, WE JUST HAVE TO PLAY OUR OWN STYLE OF MAHJONG!!
I WONDER IF IT'S A SCARY PLACE?

HEY! OVER HERE!
PLAY ...?
AH!


Someya Mako
Kiyosumi High School Student, Second Year Mahjong Club Member


Mahjong Parlor
rooftop
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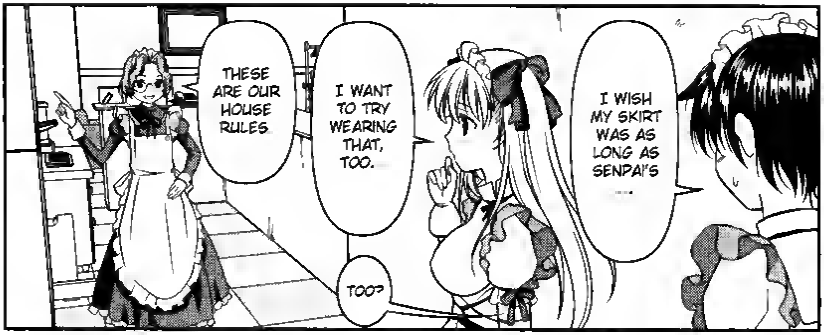
THE ONLINE MAHJONG GAMES ARE GETTING MORE POPULAR, SO WE HAVE TO DO THIS TO DRAW IN CUSTOMERS.
THIS IS A MAID MAHJONG PARLOR.

I-IT'S EMBARRASSING...
She actually likes it

HUUUH!?


I WISH MY SKIRT WAS AS LONG AS SENPAI'S ...
I WANT TO TRY WEARING THAT, TOO.
TOO?
THESE ARE OUR HOUSE RULES.

RULES? HUH.. ?
IT'S THE EMPLOYEE'S JOB TO PLAY WITH THE CUSTOMERS WHEN THERE AREN'T ENOUGH PLAYERS AT A TABLE.

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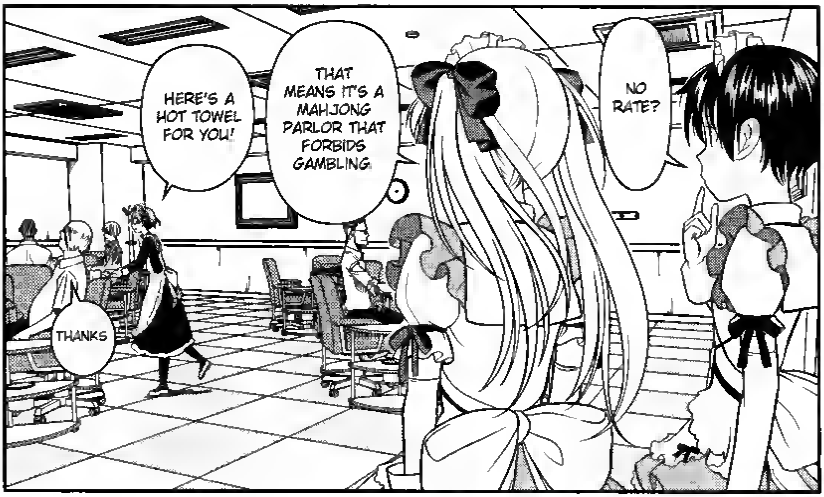
WOW.
LET ME GET YOU TO JOIN ONE RIGHT NOW.
WE'RE PLAYING "NO-RATE" HERE, SO IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU LOSE.


NO RATE?
THAT MEANS IT'S A MAHJONG PARLOR THAT FORBIDS GAMBLING.
HERE'S A HOT TOWEL FOR YOU!
THANKS

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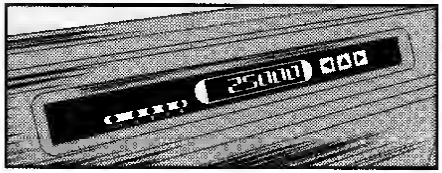
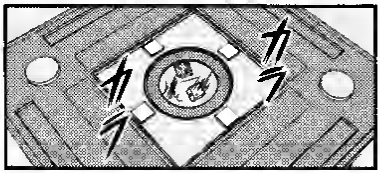
NICE TO MEET YOU.
THIS'LL BE MY LAST HAN
PLEASE GO EASY ON ME.

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THAT'S 8000 POINTS HERE
OH...
7700 POINTS
RON.
47500

WOW
YOU GIRLS ARE GOOD
LATER
YEAH
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WELCOME
OH..
YOU GOT SOME CUTE PART-TIMERS TODAY

Round 4: Making Fun of

WHAT... IS THIS FEELING...?

WHAT COULD IT BE...?

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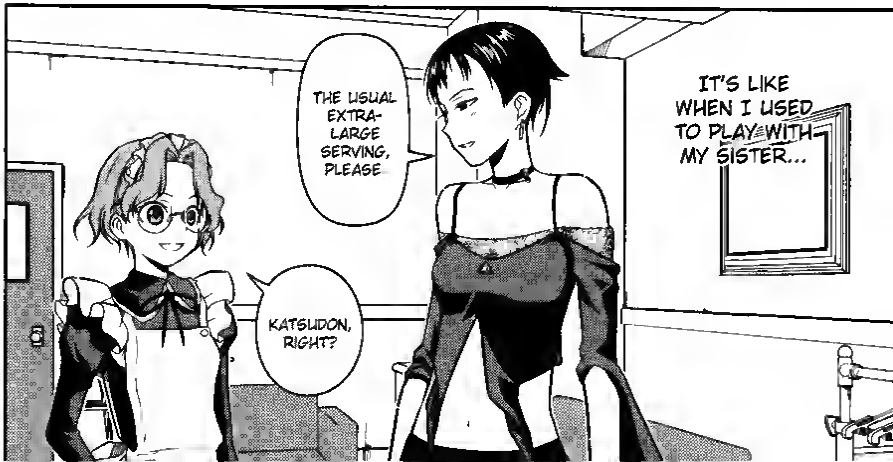
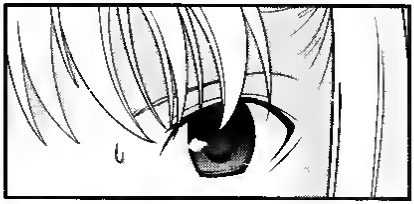
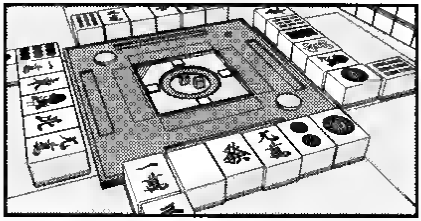
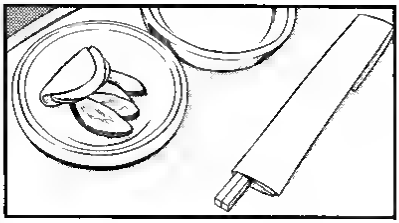

IT'S LIKE WHEN I USED TO PLAY WITH MY SISTER...
THE USUAL EXTRA-LARGE SERVING, PLEASE
KATSUDON, RIGHT?

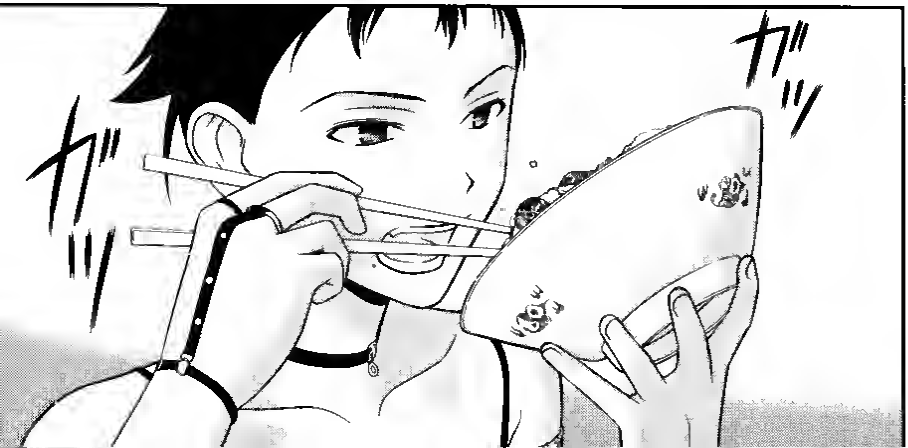
NICE TO MEET YOU.

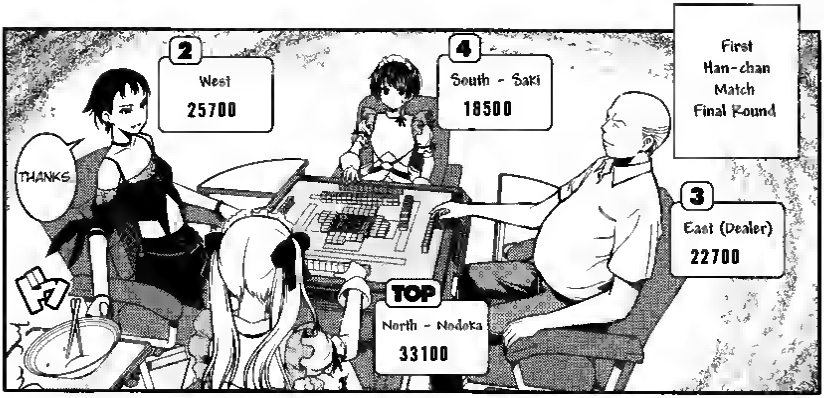
MIYANAGA-SAN IS.. TREMBLING..?



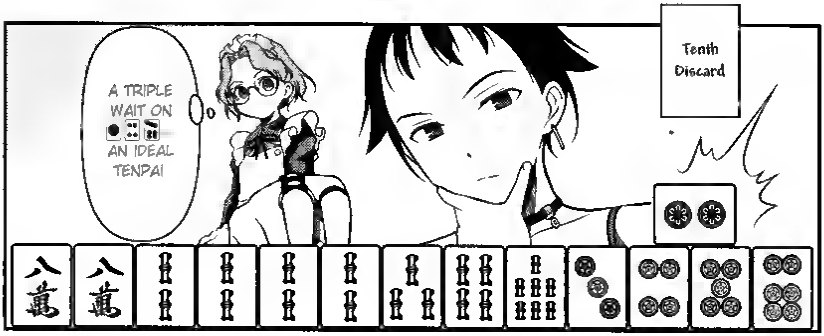







First
Han-chan
Match
Final Round
2
West
25700
4
South - Saki
18500
3
East (Dealer)
22700
TOP
North - Nodoka
33100
THANKS.

WAS THAT BAD FEELING FROM EARLIER A MISTAKE..?
MS. KATSUDON HAS BEEN PRETTY QUIET SO FAR...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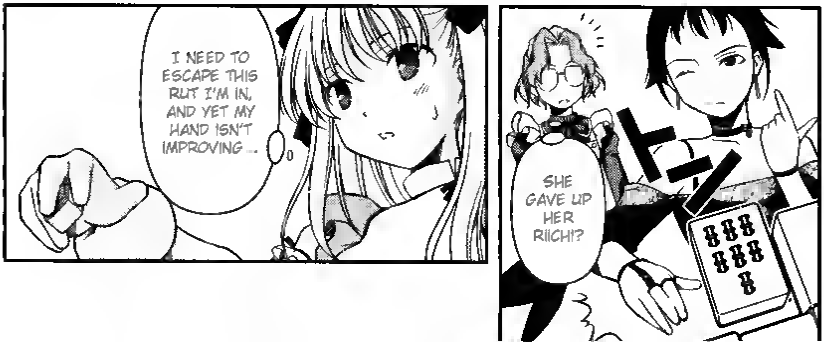
Discard
A TRIPLE WAIT ON AN IDEAL TENPAI


I NEED TO ESCAPE THIS RUT I'M IN, AND YET MY HAND ISN'T IMPROVING...
SHE GAVE UP HER RIICHI?
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A DEALER RIICHI AT A TIME LIKE THIS.
RIICHI.
MIYANAGA-SAN'S STRAY TILE POINTS TO THE MAN SUIT. THE 1 IS HARD TO CUT
THAT MAN'S DISCARD OF THE 5 TO OBTAIN RIICHI JUST NOW, AND MIYANAGA-SAN'S IMMEDIATE CUT OF THE 8

WM, HUH...?
DISCARDING MY PAIR OF WILDS WORK FOR NOW...!
THE DEALER'S STRAY TILES INCLUDE THE AND , SO THE AND ARE ALSO BAD...

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MY NEXT TSUMO WILL MAKE A KAN OUT OF THE 南
Wait
八筒
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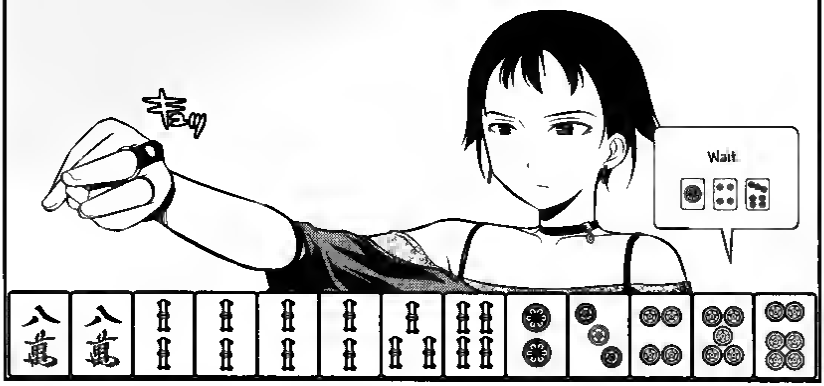
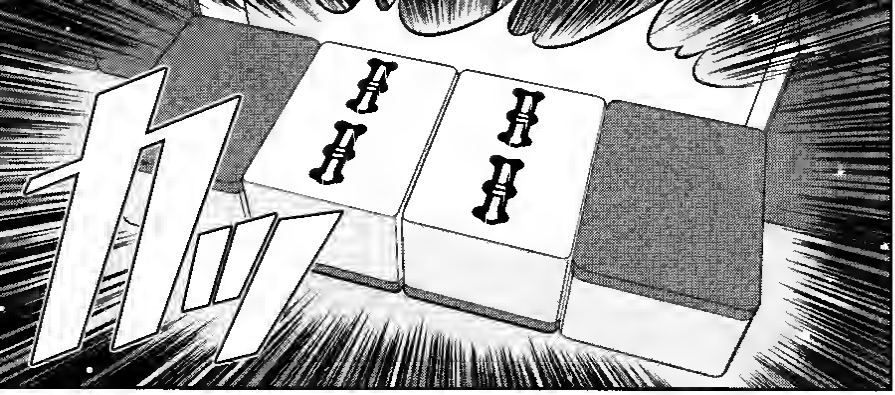
DRAWING THE DEAD WALL'S 八筒 WILL STOP HARAMURA-SAN IN HER TRACKS...


Wait.

KAN.
!?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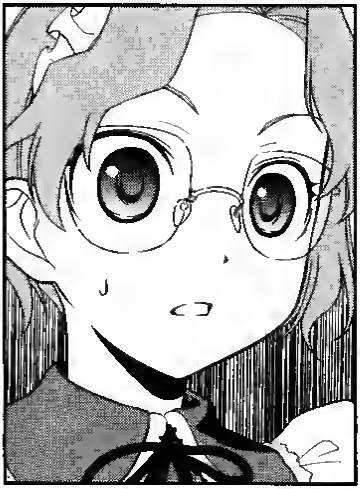

MAKING A KAN DURING A DEALER RIICHI...!!

NO...

THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE MY TILE...
DON'T TAKE IT...!
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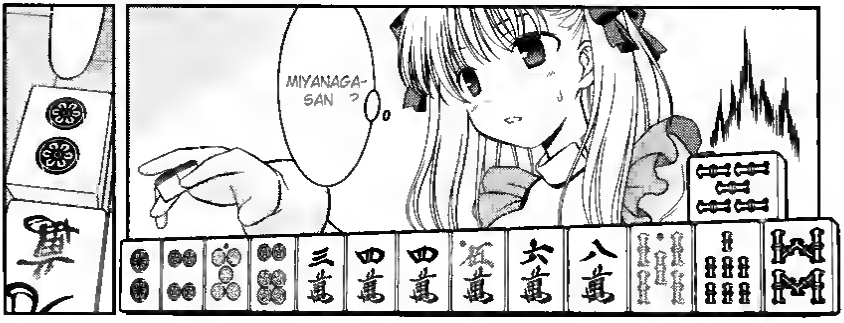
IT'S THE SAME AS WHEN I PLAY WITH MY SISTER...!!
THIS FEELING ...


MIYANAGA-SAN ?
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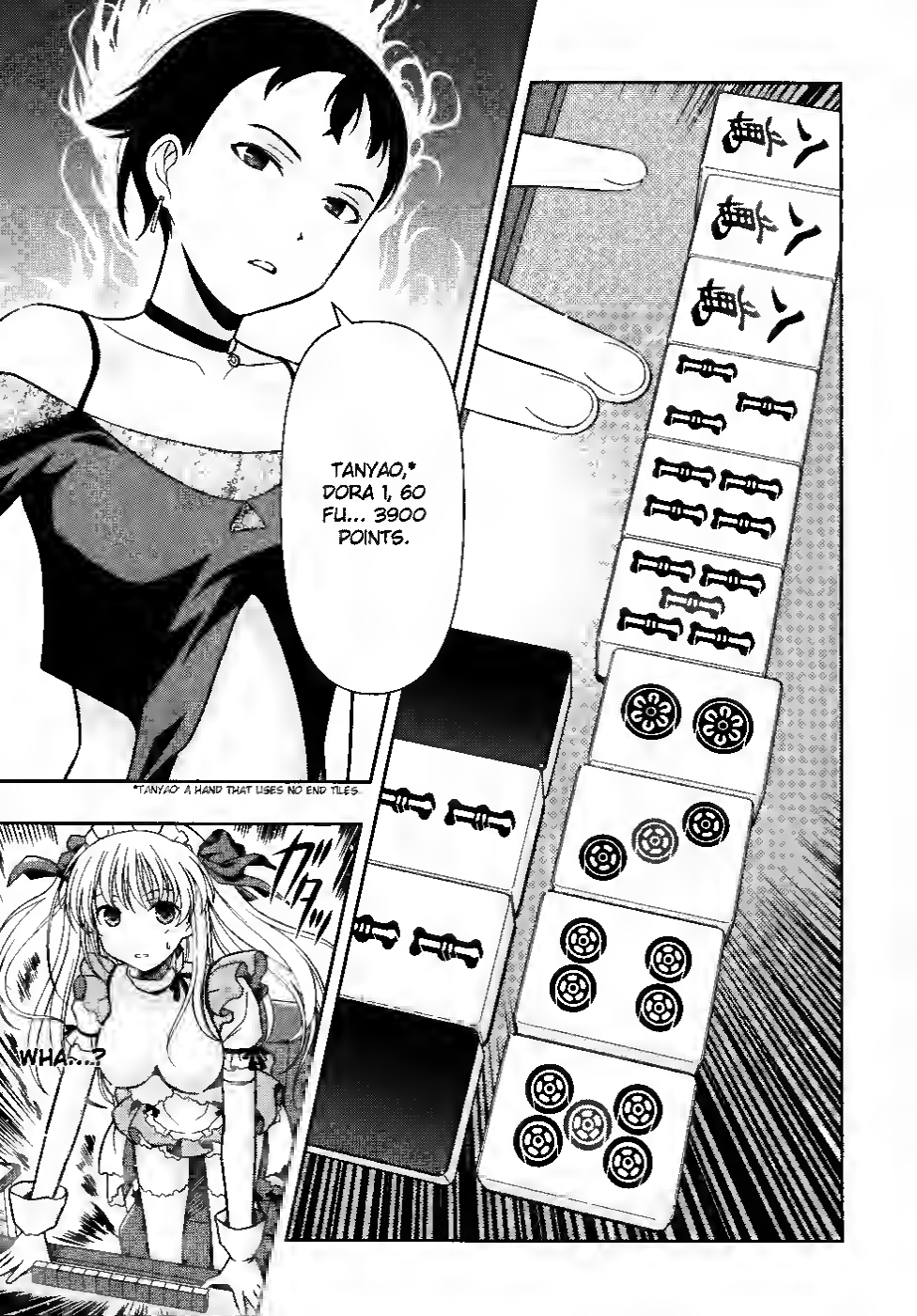
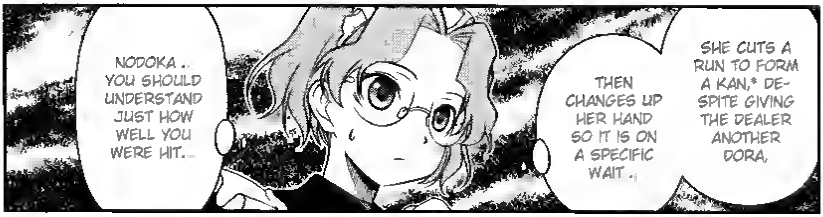
四萬
紅萬
六萬
八萬

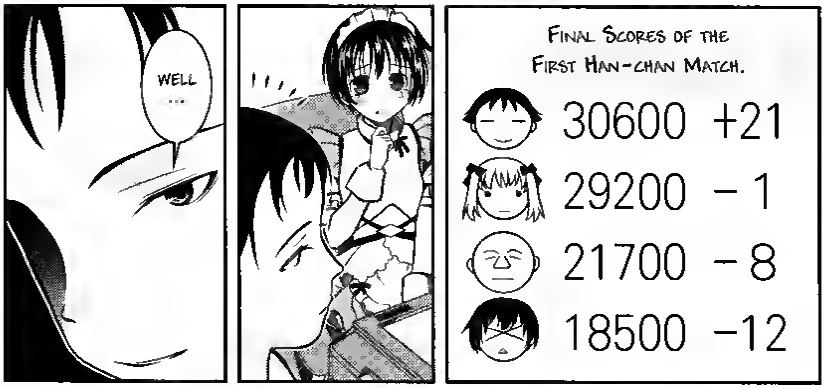
RON.


TANYAO,* DORA 1, 60 FU... 3900 POINTS.
*TANYAO: A HAND THAT USES NO END TILES.
WHA...?

I OVER-DID IT.
SHE TOSSED OUT A PERFECT
WAIT TO SNIPE ON MY PAIR DISCARD...!?

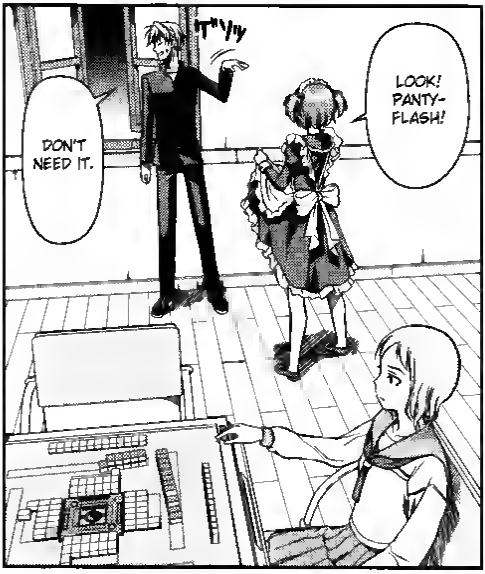

NODOKA.. YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND JUST HOW WELL YOU WERE HIT...
THEN CHANGES UP HER HAND SO IT IS ON A SPECIFIC WAIT..
SHE CUTS A RUN TO FORM A KAN,* DESPITE GIVING THE DEALER ANOTHER DORA,

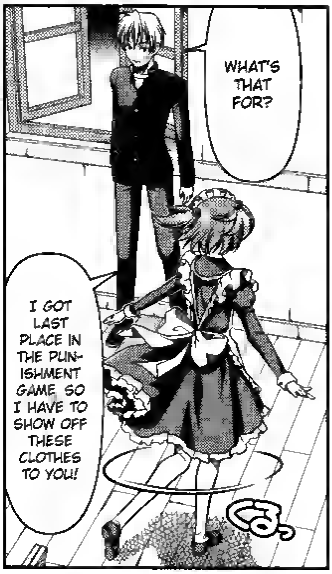
*RUN-CUTTING KAN: USING THE END TILE OF A RUN TO FORM A KAN. EXAMPLE: WITH A FORMATION LIKE 🀙🀚🀛🀜🀝🀞, ADDING A 🀛 FORMS A KAN



SIGH
I WANTED TO SEE NODOKA COSPLAY...
THOSE GUYS... I WONDER IF THEY'RE ALL RIGHT.
WE HAVE SOMETHING LIKE THAT HERE TOO, YOU KNOW!!

Round 5: Crushing Defeat


LOOK! PANTY-FLASH!
DON'T NEED IT.


WHAT'S THAT FOR?
I GOT LAST PLACE IN THE PUNISHMENT GAME, SO I HAVE TO SHOW OFF THESE CLOTHES TO YOU!

IF THAT WERE THE CASE, THIS WOULDN'T BE SPECIAL TRAINING, RIGHT?

... ANYWAYS, THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT! IF IT'S THOSE TWO, I'M SURE THEY CAN WIN IN A MAHJONG PARLOR.
I GUESS

"THEY HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY HUMILIATED" IS WHAT YOU SHOULD BE HOPING FOR

A PRO I AM ACQUAINTED WITH IS A REGULAR CUSTOMER AT THAT PARLOR..
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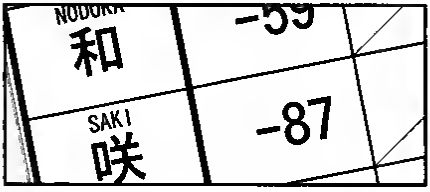
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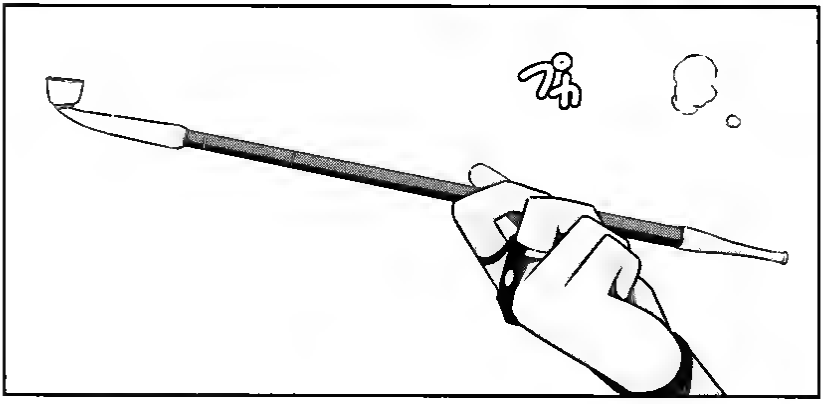
Mahjong
roof-top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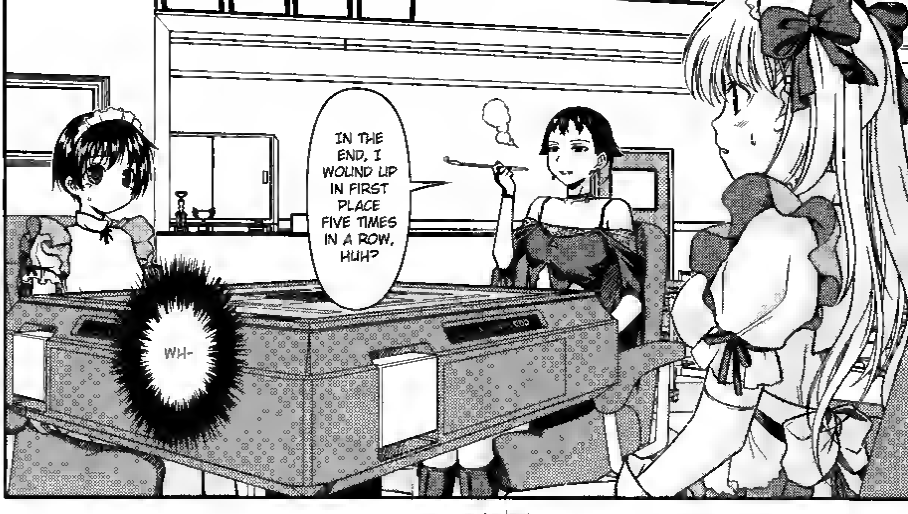
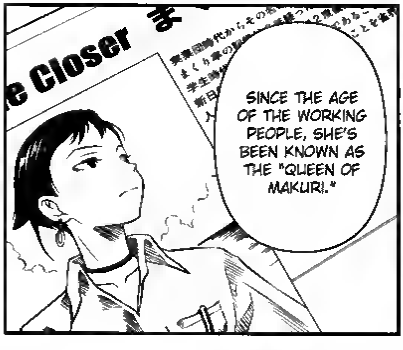
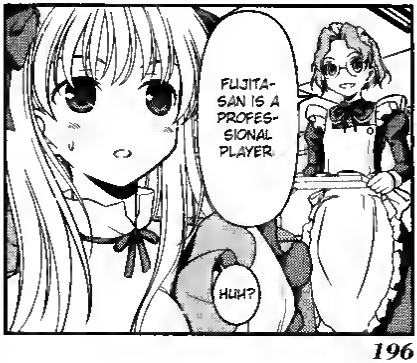

IN THE END, I WOUND UP IN FIRST PLACE FIVE TIMES IN A ROW, HUH?
WH-

WHO IS THIS PERSON ...!?


SINCE THE AGE OF THE WORKING PEOPLE, SHE'S BEEN KNOWN AS THE "QUEEN OF MAKURI."


FUJITA-SAN IS A PROFES-SIONAL PLAYER.
HUH?

A PRO MAHJONG PLAYER ...!?
SHE WAS A PRO... WE HAD NO CHANCE FROM THE START...
SIGH... SO THAT WAS IT.
OF COURSE A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LIKE ME WOULD LOSE TO A PRO.

THAT'S NOT NECES-SARILY TRUE!!
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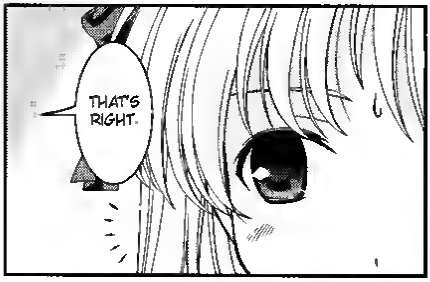
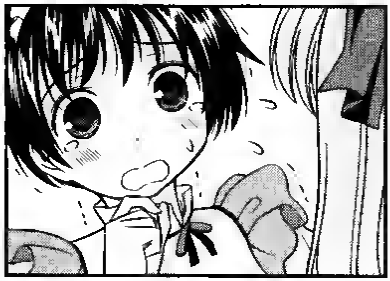
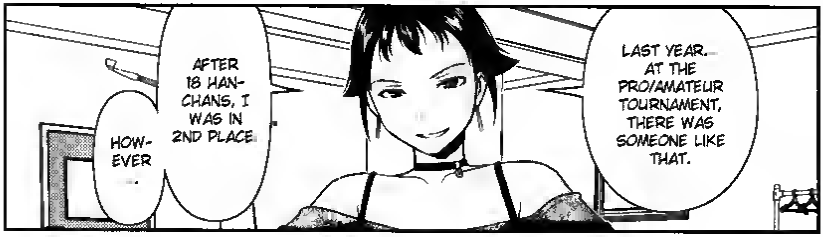
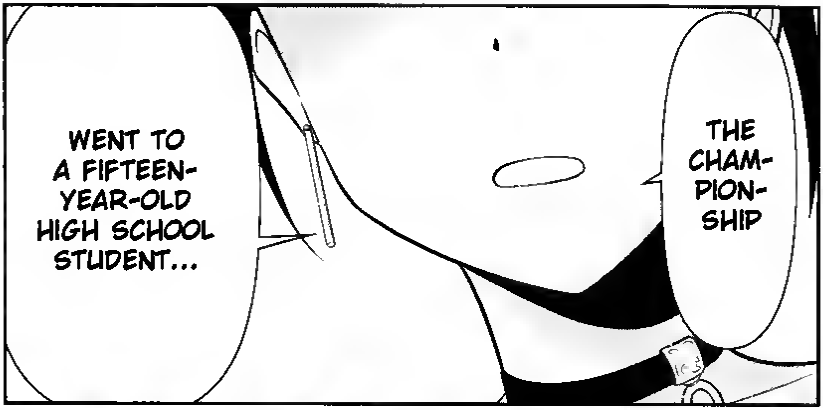
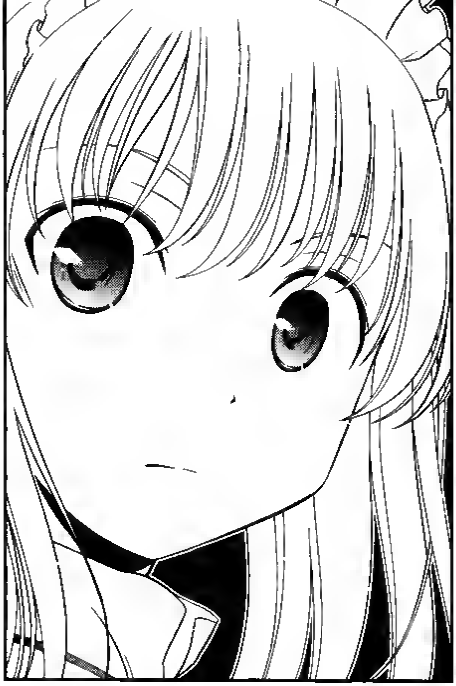

THAT'S RIGHT.



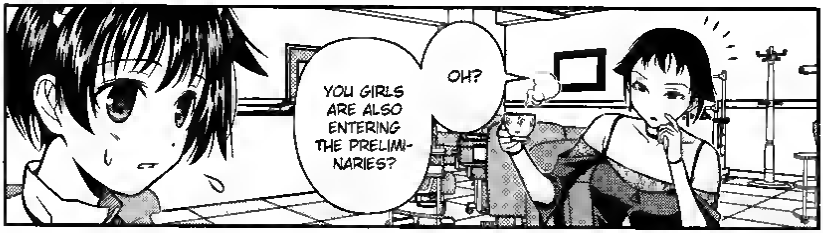

LAST YEAR... AT THE PRO/AMATEUR TOURNAMENT, THERE WAS SOMEONE LIKE THAT.
AFTER 18 HAN-CHANS, I WAS IN 2ND PLACE.
HOW-EVER...


THE CHAM-PION-SHIP
WENT TO A FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT...

RYUUMON-BUCHI HIGH SCHOOL'S AMAE KOROMO ...!!



KIZEKOSHI GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL WAS THE WINNER OF THE PREFECTURE FOR 6 YEARS STRAIGHT. BUT THEY COMPLETELY LOST TO RYUUMONBUCHI LAST YEAR.
RYUUMON-BUCHI... NOT OUR OPPONENTS IN THE PREFECTURAL PRELIMINARIES...?


YOU GIRLS ARE ALSO ENTERING THE PRELIMINARIES?
OH?

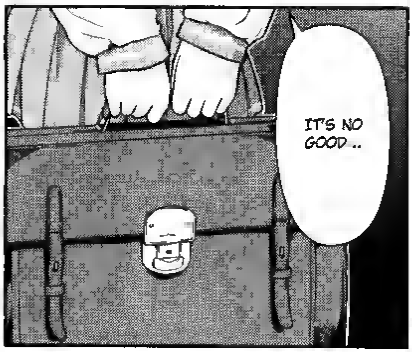
I THINK YOU GIRLS UNDERSTAND, BUT
TOO BAD.

THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO WAY YOU GIRLS CAN WIN.

PM 8:00

TO THINK THAT A GIRL STRONGER THAN MS. FUJITA WILL APPEAR IN THE PRELIMINARIES...

RYUUMON-BUCHI..


IT'S NO GOOD..

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...?
AT THIS RATE, WE WON'T MAKE IT TO THE NATIONALS...!!
TO JINX YOURSELF LIKE THAT BY SAYING SUCH THINGS, THE ONE THAT'S NO GOOD IS YOU!
PLEASE GET OVER YOUR ONE LOSS!
WE ARE DEFINITELY GOING
TO THE NATIONALS!

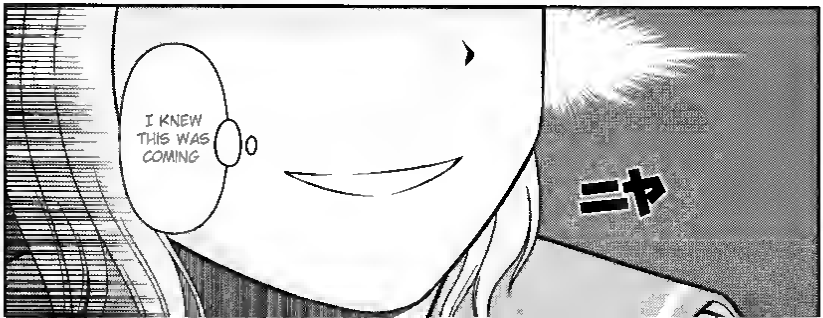
HARAMURA-SAN...

WE JUST HAVE TO BECOME STRONGER IN THOSE TEN DAYS!

WE STILL HAVE TEN DAYS UNTIL THE PRELIMI-NARIES...

HEY
YOU DIDN'T RETURN DIRECTLY FROM THE MAHJONG PARLOR?
Those two have returned.
PM 8:20
MAHJONG CLUB

PRESI-DENT..
LET'S START A TRAINING CAMP!


I KNEW THIS WAS COMING
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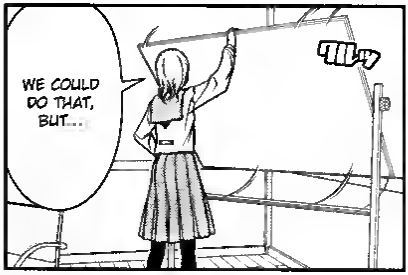
LET'S START A TRAINING CAMP!


WE COULD DO THAT, BUT...
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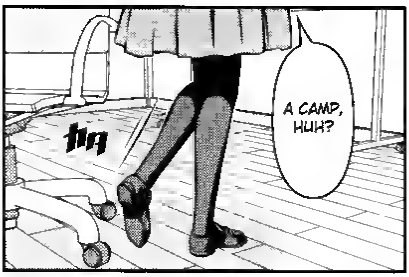
A CAMP, HUH?
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Mahjong Club
RAINING CAMP
I MADE A TRAINING PROGRAM!!
me: The Weekend
cation: Inside the Sc

Round 6: Resolve

I'M HOME.
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HE'S LATE TODAY, AS WELL
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MAH-JONG?
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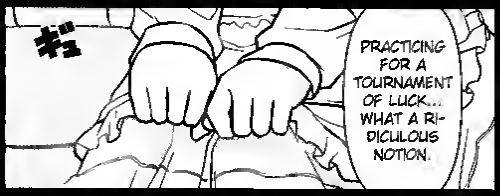
IN HIGH SCHOOL, AS WELL...
MIDDLE SCHOOL. IT ALLOWED ME TO HAVE ONE FRIEND
YOU REJECTED TOKYO'S BEST PREPARATORY SCHOOL TO CONTINUE PLAYING THAT?

THAT'S WHY I WANT TO REMAIN HERE

THEN ...

JUST WHAT USE WOULD ANY FRIENDS YOU MAKE IN A HICK TOWN LIKE THIS BE?
AND MAHJONG IS JUST A GAME WHERE WINNERS ARE DETERMINED BY LUCK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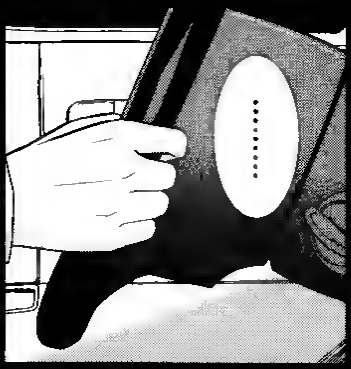
PRACTICING FOR A TOURNAMENT OF LUCK... WHAT A RIDICULOUS NOTION.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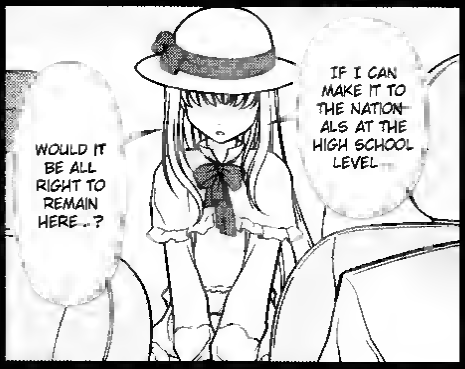
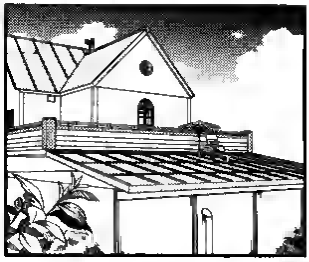
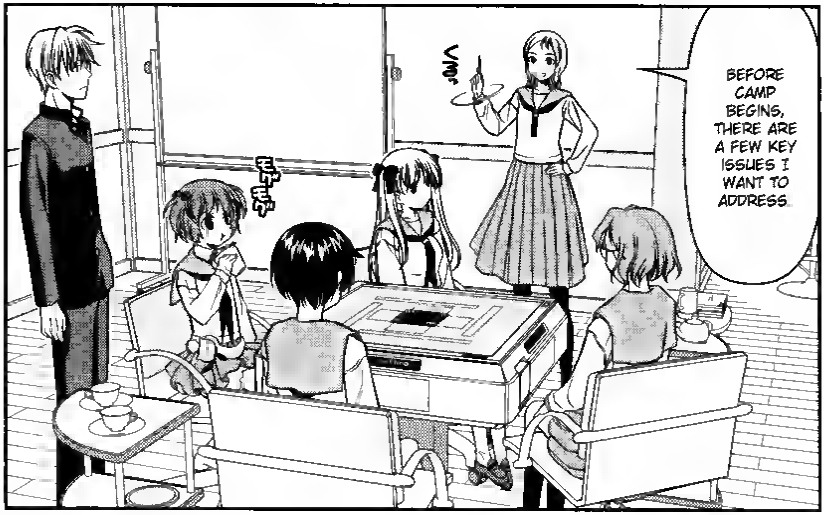

IF I CAN MAKE IT TO THE NATIONALS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL...
WOULD IT BE ALL RIGHT TO REMAIN HERE..?

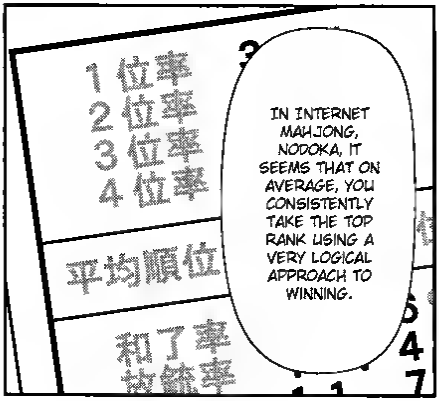
IF YOU CAN, I'LL CONSIDER IT.
THE NATIONALS ...
WILL I NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE IT...!?

MAHJONG CLUB



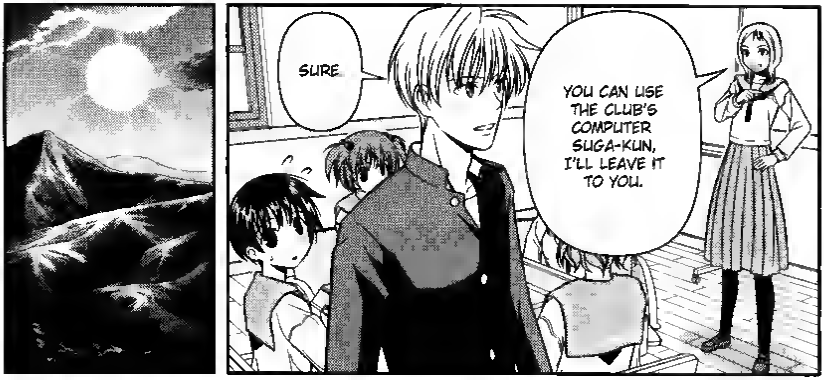

BEFORE CAMP BEGINS, THERE ARE A FEW KEY ISSUES I WANT TO ADDRESS.
Um.
Hmm

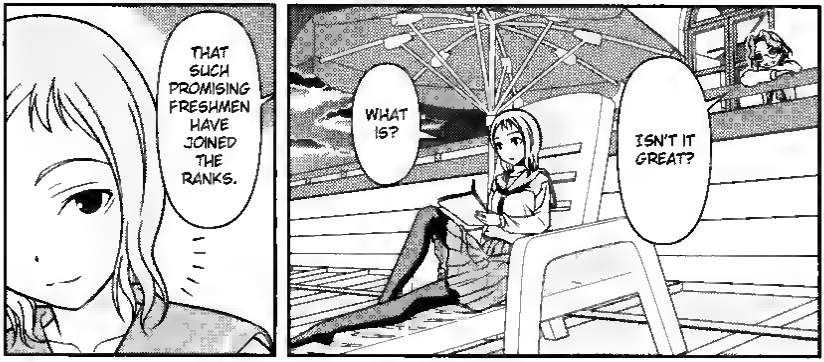
FIRST, NODOKA.

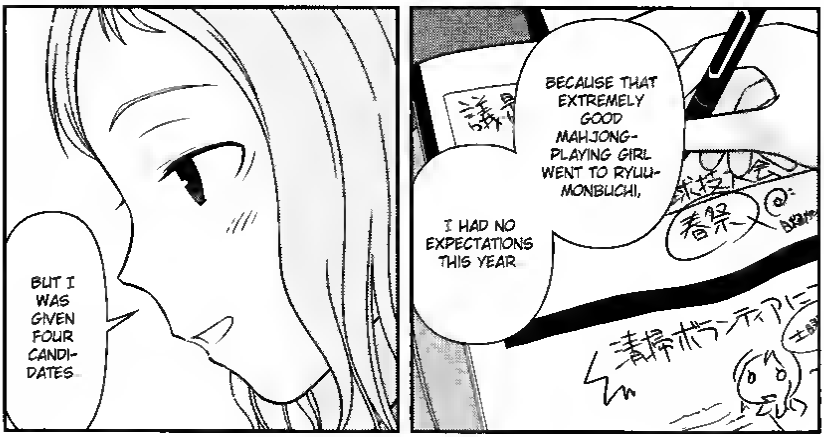

1位率
2位率
3位率
4位率
平均順位
和了率
IN INTERNET MAHJONG, NODOKA, IT SEEMS THAT ON AVERAGE, YOU CONSISTENTLY TAKE THE TOP RANK USING A VERY LOGICAL APPROACH TO WINNING.

THIS WAS THE CASE YESTERDAY AT THE MAHJONG PARLOR
HOWEVER, IN PERSON, IF YOU USE SUCH SITUATIONAL MOMENTUM,
YOUR MISTAKES WILL BECOME APPARENT
PROBABLY...
THOUGH THIS IS JUST MY SPECULATION...
AGAINST A PRO, YOUR TRUE ABILITIES COME TO THE FORE AND YOUR REAL STRENGTH BECOMES APPARENT
YOU PROBABLY CAN'T GET THE SENSE OF THE SHEER INFORMATION OF A REAL GAME FROM PLAYING ON THE NET
"THE SHEER INFORMATION"?
FOR EXAMPLE, THE GESTURE OF CUTTING A TSUMO
IN PERSON, HOW WOULD YOU RESIST DISPLAYING GESTURES AND SUBTLE CUES?
LIKE SAKI'S PRESENCE
AH!
?

CONVERSELY, THERE ARE STRONG PLAYERS OUT THERE WHO CAN READ SUCH THINGS IN PERSON
THESE GESTURES ARE SOMETHING YOU DO UNCONSCIOUSLY AND ONLY NOTICE OCCASIONALLY.
OUTSIDE OF GAMES, YOU WOULD PROBABLY NEVER THINK ABOUT THESE LITTLE ACTIONS...
WOULD SOMETHING LIKE THAT MAKE YOU STRONGER?
.....
ON THE OTHER HAND, MIYANAGA-SAN, THINK ABOUT USING THE INTANGIBLE TILES OF NET MAHJONG.
WHAT IF YOU PLAYED OTHER PEOPLE LIKE THAT?
THE NET?
NORMALLY, IT SEEMS SHE CAN SEE THE UNSEEABLE...
MIYANAGA-SAN IS PROBABLY ONE SUCH PERSON.
HUUUH?
SERI-OUSLY?
I DON'T HAVE A COMPUTER...
I...


SURE.
YOU CAN USE THE CLUB'S COMPUTER SUGA-KUN, I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU.


THAT SUCH PROMISING FRESHMEN HAVE JOINED THE RANKS.
WHAT IS?
ISN'T IT GREAT?


BUT I WAS GIVEN FOUR CANDI-DATES.
I HAD NO EXPECTATIONS THIS YEAR.
BECAUSE THAT EXTREMELY GOOD MAHJONG-PLAYING GIRL WENT TO RYUU-MONBUCHI,
清掃ボランティア

THIS IS MY LAST YEAR. IF WE LOSE, IT'S OVER.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
IT'D BE GREAT IF THEY COULD MAKE IT INTO THE PREFECTURE'S TOP 8.
I WANT THEM TO SHOW ME MY DREAM OF THE NATIONALS!

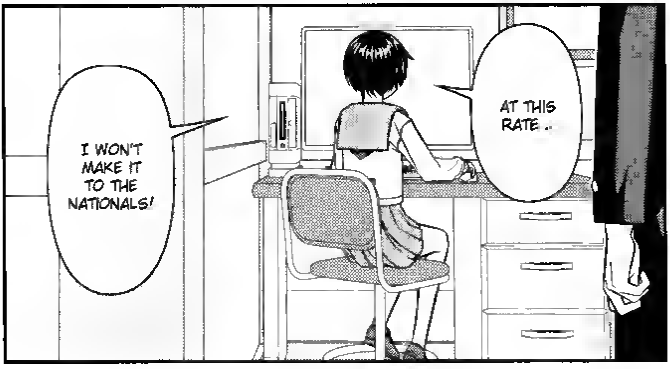
DOR..
DOR..
SAKI
...?
RON!
みやながさき
△-60
△-48
△-43
IT'S NO GOOD.
WHAT'S WRONG?
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO SEE THE TILES.
IS THIS
I JUST CAN'T SEE ANYTHING AT ALL...

IS THIS REALLY MAHJONG ...?

BUT..

ARE YOU SAYING...?
WHAT...

カチッ


I WON'T MAKE IT TO THE NATIONALS!
AT THIS RATE..

ANYTHING I CAN!!
I'LL TRY
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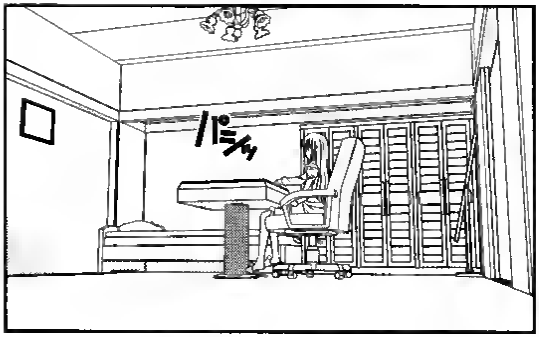
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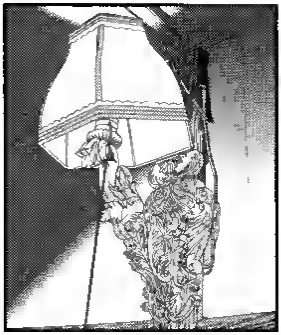

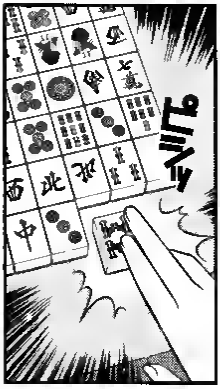
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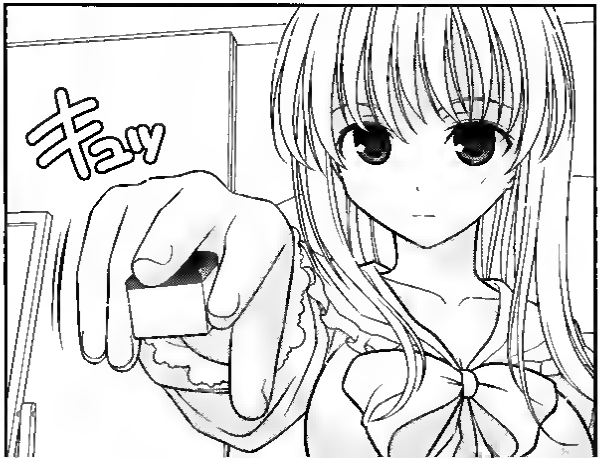
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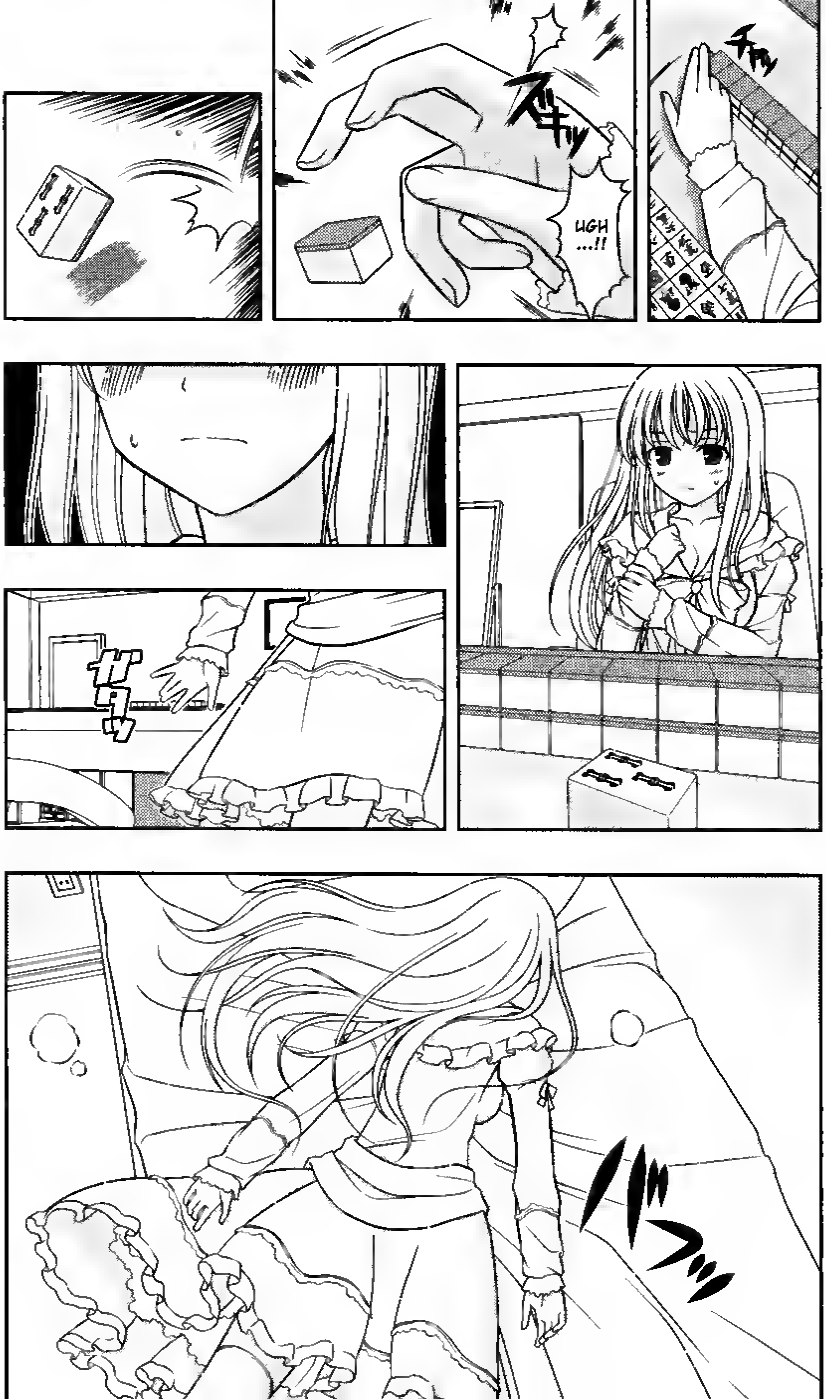
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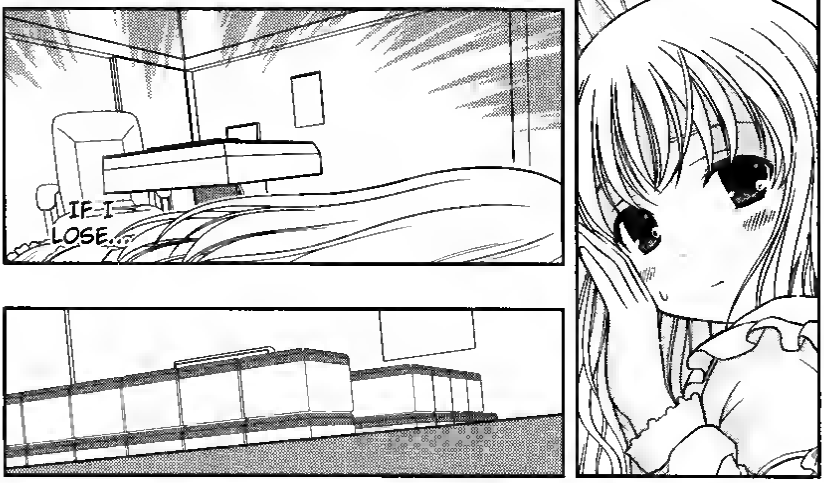
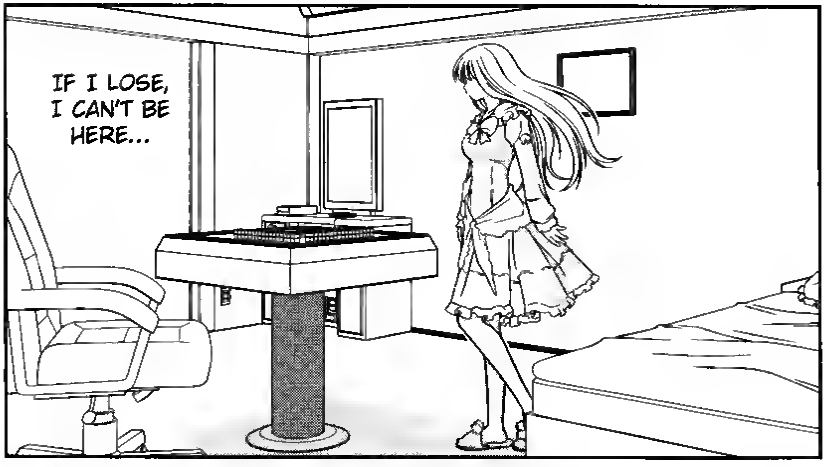
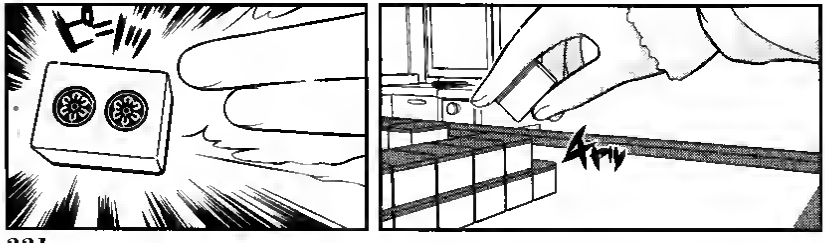

IF I LOSE...


IF I LOSE, I CAN'T BE HERE...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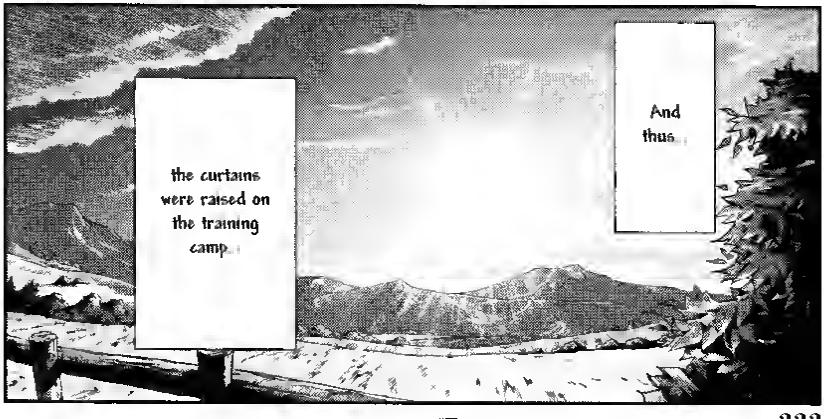
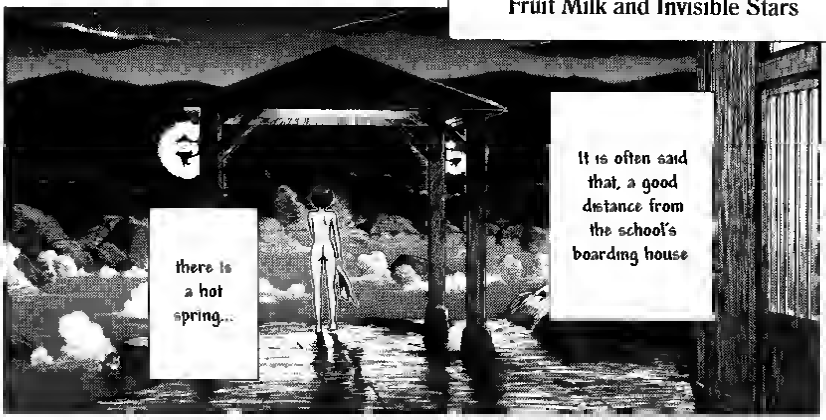
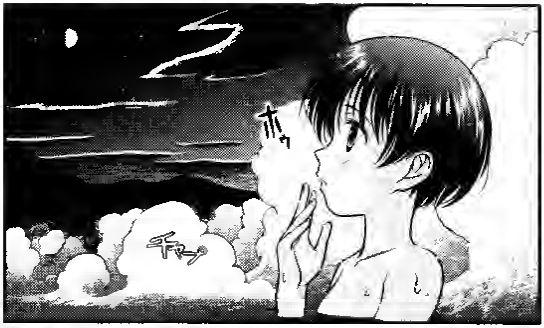

And thus...
the curtains were raised on the training camp...

Omake Manga

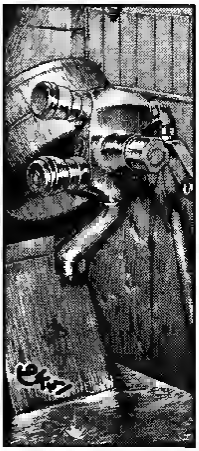
Fruit Milk and Invisible Stars



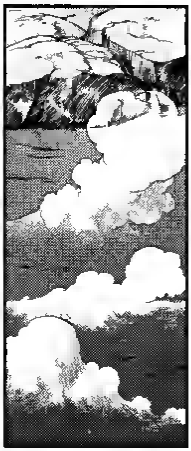
The faint smell of sulfur...



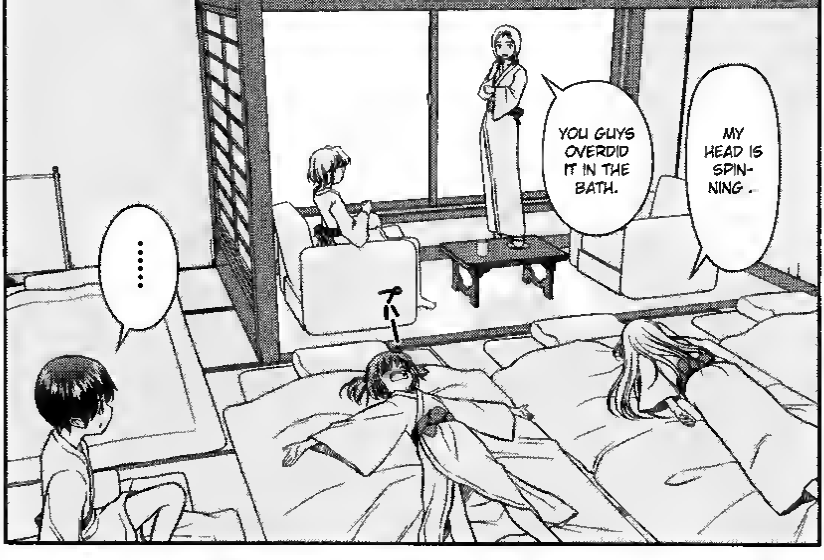
Something that I had lost sight of before becomes reflected in my eyes...

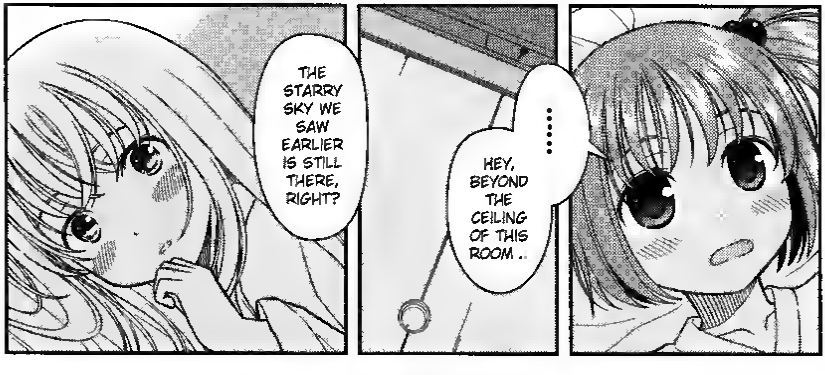


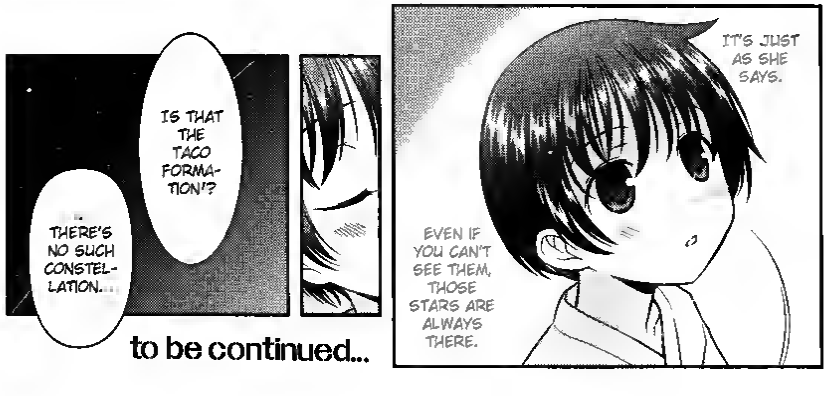
The wind ripples the water's surface.



YES!
IT WAS REALLY PRETTY.
A SHOOTING STAR..?
50 minutes later
I.. I ALSO WANT TO SEE ONE
BACK TO THE OPEN-AIR BATH!






IT'S JUST AS SHE SAYS.
EVEN IF YOU CAN'T SEE THEM, THOSE STARS ARE ALWAYS THERE.
IS THAT THE TACO FORMATION!?
THERE'S NO SUCH CONSTELLATION...

to be continued...

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